Juppé Assures Nation He Won't Back Down

As French Disruption Worsens, **Government Makes Peace Offer**

By William Drozdiak Washington Past Service

PARIS — The battle of wills between France's government and striking state workers worsened Tuesday as Prime Minister Alain Juppe vowed to press ahead with dramatic welfare reforms, and union leaders organized the biggest street protests yet to block them.

Breaking a weeklong silence as the country's biggest labor disruption in a decade continued to gather momentum,

In part, the impasse in France is a clash of two cultures. Page 8.

Mr. Juppé told the National Assembly that he saw the showdown with the unions as a stark choice between "change and de-

But union leaders said they were sticking to their demands.

Despite his unwavering stand in defense of his reform package, Mr. Juppé held out a conciliatory offer to negotiate in coming days with leaders of the strike campaign to see if they could find common ground. Earlier, in a meeting with members of the center-right ruling majority. Mr. Juppé said he was willing to show some flexibility on pensions for the public sector.

But the dimensions of the strike campaign now appear to have grown to such an extent that appearing public employees on one issue may not be sufficient to end the shutdown.

A union call for nationwide demonsecurity reforms brought angry workers, more than 16,000 people.

into the streets Tuesday in all major cities

Mr. Juppé stressed that France must do everything to maintain its stature as a frent-rank power in Europe. He suggested that failure to reduce public deficits would ruin the nation's ambition of serving as an equal partner with an increasingly pow-erful Germany.

"France can and must embark boldly on the road to reforms, which have been delayed for too long," Mr. Juppé said. 'If we withdrew them, we would be going against the interests of France and the

Mr. Juppé's program was sharply chal-lenged by the Socialist opposition leader Laurent Fabius, who accused the government of hypocrisy in promising to heal the country's "social fracture" with more jobs and lower taxes and then pursuing an ans-terity program that now promises just the

Braving snow and freezing cold, tens of thousands of striking workers marched through the streets of Paris on Tuesday to protest the government's plan.

Reuters reported from Paris: About 500 youths overtuned cars in Paris, and seven policemen were hurt in clashes with students in the western city of Nantes on Tuesday.

Riot squads intervened to disperse the youths in Paris. They had overturned about 20 cars, mostly outside the Saint-Lazare railroad station, where a march by tens of thousands of protesters ended earlier. Police arrested 28 people.

In Nantes, riot police clashed with several hundred students after they wrecked a strations against the government's social bus shelter at the end of a protest march by



One of Paris's hapless commuters crossing a Right Bank street on Tuesday.

Top Industry Chiefs **And Ex-President Are Indicted in Seoul**

By Mary Jordan

SEOUL - Seven of South Korea's most powerful industrial leaders were indicted Tuesday, along with a former president, Roh Tae Woo, in a bribery scandal that may permanently change the way this country conducts politics and business.

The indicted business leaders comprise the heart of South Korea's economic output, the world's 12th largest. They are the heads of the Samsung, Daewoo, Dong Ah, Dongbu, Jinro, Daelim and Daeho Construction chaebols, as South Korea's huge diversified conglomerates are known. The business leaders, who face up to five years in prison if convicted, could stand trial as early as next month.

The seven conglomerate chairmen were allowed to remain free pending trial, and a decision on what action to take against the others will be made after further inquiries. Reuters reported, quoting a senior pros-ecutor, Ahn Kang Min. Stock investors took this to indicate that the conglomerates, which dominate the world's 11th largest economy, will be treated lightly. That sent

share prices up.

Mr. Alm said he decided not to arrest the business leaders out of concern for the domestic economy and the country's in-

ternational competitiveness Prosecutors charged Mr. Rob with taking more than \$370 million in bribes from a total of 35 business leaders in exchange for lucrative government contracts and favors during his term in office from 1988 to 1993. Mr. Rob was arrested three weeks ago after he admitted that he amassed a \$650 millioo political slush fund during his presidency.

In freezing temperatures, thousands of people stopped oo sidewalks in Seoul to watch the prosecutors' nationally televised news conference on outdoor video screens and sets in shop windows

Prosecutors charged Samsung's chairman, Lee Kun Hee, with giving about \$32 million in bribes; Daewoo's chairman, Kim Woo Choong, about \$31 million, and Dong Ah's chairman, Choi Won Suk, about \$30 million.

Samsung, one of South Korea's two largest chaebols, said later Tuesday that what it termed its donations to Mr. Roh were "not in any way related to, or in pursuit of, any special favors or privileges.

The statement added: "The practice of making 'donations' was part of a political climate that was customary and particular to a specific period in our history. Whatever the reasons, past behavior and cus-

toms were incorrect. If convicted, Mr. Roh, 63, faces 10 years to life in prison. Prosecutors said they would seize all his assets, including more than \$230 million from the slush fund that he still has in banks.

Mr. Roh, a former army general who was inaugurated in 1988, was the first democratically elected president in 30 years. He promised to clean up political corruption and set South Korea on a new course. Instead, he is charged with cootinuing and even expanding the corrupt legacy beeathed to him by his predecessor and fellow general, Chun Doo Hwan.

The corruptioo scandal threatens to tar numerous other politicians before it is fully settled. Already, Kim Dae Jung, the longtime leader of the National Congress for New Politics, an opposition party, has admitted that he took \$2.5 million from Mr. Roh's slush fund. He has also charged that President Kim Young Sam took almost \$400 million during the 1992 presidential campaign, which the president denies.
Three of Mr. Roh's aides were also in-

dicted Tuesday on charges of helping him collect bribes and manage the slush fund. They are Kum Jin Ho, a legislator who is related to Mr. Roh; Kim Jong In, who was Mr. Roh's presidential economic adviser, and Lee Woo Jo, another legislator.

This scandal is only part of the remarkable events unfolding in Seoul. Because Mr. Chun, 64, was arrested Sunday for his role in the coup of December 1979 in which he came to power, South Korea has its two immediate past presidents behind bars.

And if legislation proposed by President Kim and his governing Democratic Liberal Party passes the National Assembly, Mr. Roh and Mr. Chun may also face pros-ecution for their parts in the May 1980 massacre at Kwangju.

They both are suspected of having or-chestrated a crackdown by government troops on protesters demonstrating against a state of martial law declared by Mr. Chun a few months after he took over. Officially, about 200 people were killed in the 10 days of bloodshed, but unofficial estimates of the toll are much higher.

France Drops Gaullist Boycott of NATO's Military

nounced Tuesday that it would drop its 30-year formal become more flexible in recent years.

France's new lim beyont of NATO's top-level military annexes, regaining a voice in the command system before the allied in ways that made it more acceptable to Paris. In fact, what has changed much more than NATO is the post-Cold War admission that Property of the post-Cold War admission Affied officials greeted France's decision warmly, say-

ing that it would bolster political and military cohe-. siveness in NATO's largest-ever operation.

campaign to prepare domestic opinion.

For all practical purposes, Paris has abandoned the doctrine of independence from NATO's military wing decreed by Charles de Gaulle.

Visit offices said that France would not rejoin the so-PARIS — In a major political decision, France an real significance as the alliance has been downsized and help more than ever before.

France, its own military budget shrinking, occds help in coping with threats the size of Bosnia, which are too hig France chose to disclose the policy reversal without any for France to handle alone but no longer big enough to tomatically trigger action by Washington

As France has quietly edged closer to NATO in recent years, officials have frequently stressed that Paris wanted a reduction in the degree of U.S. control in exchange for a

stronger French role.

What Paris has never wanted to acknowledge publicly help more than ever before. France's new limits has cut the room for Gaullist-style

admission that President Jacques Chirac, himself a Gaullist, chose not to announce the new policy personally, as he did last June when he decided to resume nuclear

Instead, the job was delegated to Foreign Minister

Hervé de Charette, who said in Brussels at a ministerial meeting that France was resuming its seat on the alliance's See NATO, Page 8 By Alan Friedman In Germany, DUSSELDORF - Nowhere is Germany's power over its neighbors becoming

American Force Won't Go In Lightly **High-Tech ToolsWill Support the Latest Tactics**

By Eric Schmitt New York Three Service

WASHINGTON - The 20,000 American troops who roll into Bosnia in the days and weeks ahead will be armed with an array of advanced technology and tactics tailored for the Balkan mission, from speedier U-2 spy plane pictures to stealthy anti-super mans to tasks specially equipped for blowing up hand mines.

Some equipment has never been used in an actual mission, like a new camera on the Apache attack helicopter that will transmit acrial photographs of the cease-fire zone to a command post within 90 seconds. And proven tactics will be adjusted for the Bosnia mission. Psychological operation troops, for example, will prepare leaflets, radio broadcasts, and posters in Serbo-Croatian advising residents that the North Atlantic Treaty Organization force comes in peace but will indeed defend has its own variety of threats.

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Facing budget pressures and sharp

craticism from an angry faction of academics, the Library

of Congress has postponed by at least a year a major exhibition examining Sigmand Frend and his sweeping

The library, repository of the world's largest collection

of papers and artifacts from the father of psychoanalysis,

and planned to mount "Sigmund Frend: Conflict and

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impact on 20th-century society.

Calture" next December.

The 1st Armored Division, the 13,000-man force that

will make up the bulk of American troops in Bosnia, is leaving one-third of the 70-ton M-1A1 tanks it planned to bring in Germany, but is adding extra Bradley fighting vehicles, which are more maneuverable on winding mountain roads, and triple the usual number of radars to identify and attack hostile mortar and artillery fire.

Lecry of possible terrorist attacks - like the car bomb that killed 241 Marines in Lebanon in 1983 - American forces will patrol in small units and never alone, enforce tight security around base camps and restrict troops from socializing with local residents.

The 1st Armored Division will have intelligence analysts assigned to monitor terrorist activities worldwide that could target American troops in Bosnia. "There will be special provisions made to provide national and strategic intelligence to them," Defense Secretary William J. Perry said. Every military mission

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Foes of Freud Exhibition Refuse to Take It Lying Down

museums facing ever-closer scrutiny of their versions of

history, the library found itself accused of lending its

prestige to an exhibition that, as one critic said, "promises to be uninformed, uncritical and unacceptably partisan."

shaky funding in a difficult budget climate. "We're short

about \$352,000" for the show, which is expected to cost

Other library officials said criticism of the exhibit's

about \$1 million, said a library spokeswoman, Jill Brett.

Officially, the library attributed the delay in part to

fierce attack in academia, with psychoanalysis in decline made Monday, under new cost-cutting in U.S. health insurance and with Irene Burnha



NATO'S MAN — Javier Solana Madriaga being congratulated Tuesday after being named secretary-general. NATO endorsed the Bosnia deployment. Page 8.

Irene Burnham, director of the library's interpretive

programs, said: "I know the implication is that we are recasting it to meet the critics" objections, but the post-

ponement is to give us time to develop the exhibit fully

But Peter Swales, a historian of psychoanalysis who is

leading the opposition to the library's show, took issue

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along the lines already defined.'

with that statement.

Devotion to Deutsche Mark Dictates Europe's Sacrifice

more evident than along the rocky path to a single European currency.

There is enormous resistance among Germans from all walks of life to swapping their beloved Deutsche mark for what they see as an ill-defined Eurocurrency that they fear will rob them of their standard of living.

The latest polls in Germany show that two out of every three Germans want to keep the mark,

while only one in every three companies favors a Eurocurrency. And nearly 70 percent of all

Germany 1996 An Analysis Germans think a Second of four articles

European single currency would not be as stable as the mark, a new poll by the respected Allensbach Institute showed last week.

As German officials demand tougher and tougher fiscal discipline by way of policy goals that go far beyond the conditions already agreed to for the single currency, the straitjacket is becoming tighter for all other European nations.

The current labor unrest that has paralyzed France, for example, may well be the first major crisis resulting from the need for governments to take austerity measures if they are to meet single currency criteria. The French example suggests how little room for maneuver countries will have as they attempt to satisfy the terms of the Maastricht treaty on economic integration.

The chaos in Paris, say analysts, shows just how tough it is for governments to use either fiscal or monetary policy as a social safety valve while still meeting the Maastricht criteria. With even stiffer conditions dictated by Germany after monetary union, the social unrest could risk getting out of control

Gerhard Schröder, the prime minister of Lower Saxony and a leading member of the Social Democratic opposition, said that Chancellor Helmut Kohl would find it "very tough to sell the single currency to the German people by 1998," when the next national elections are scheduled. "Helmat Kohl will not be re-elected, and by pushing monetary union too quickly he certainly won't be." Mr. Schröder said in an interview.

This helps to explain in part why Germany is demanding that any other Eu-ropean nation wishing to qualify for the

Capital Flight

By Alan Friedman ernational Herald Tribune

BONN - An increasing number of wealthy Germans — keen to preserve the value of their money before the start of Europe's single currency — are quietly taking chunks of their Deutsche mark fortunes out of Germany and converting them into financial and real estate assets abroad.

Their aim, according to American investment bankers and fund managers. German politicians. Swiss bankers and U.S diplomats based in Europe, is to avoid seeing the value of their mark holdings decline if a Eurocurrency is launched as planned in 1999. Tax evasion is another incentive.

The available evidence for the transfers, some of which constitute pure money laundering, is mainly anecdotal. But the sources are authoritative. The size of the capital flows coming out of Germany right now was described as "colossal" by one senior executive of a U.S. investment bank.

A fund manager based in London said he had been tracking the flows for several months.

He noted that while the mooey had previously been going to Luxembourg to escape German taxes, this pattern had slowed significantly since German authorities had demanded account records of German banks in Luxembourg.

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The fund manager, who controls a multibillion-dollar portfolio, said that those Germans transferring funds out of the country were worried that the mark would depreciate as soon as a single currency is launched.

In Frankfurt, a spokesman for the Bundesbank said it could not confirm the reports because it was not borne out by official statistics. He said, for example, that there had been a not inflow of funds from Switzerland to Germany in the first nine months of

Other sources suggested, however, that the central bank would not have records of the capital flows because much of the money had never been officially declared in the first place.

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AGENDA

A Clamor to Replace Papandreou

ATHENS (Reuters) — Greek politi-cians called Tuesday for Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou to be replaced as he fought for life in hospital for the 15th

Mr. Papandreou's prolonged hospitalization with lung and kidney failure has sent Greece into political limbo. No plans for his succession have been released.

But with Freud and his model of human behavior under content was the primary factor in the decision, which was

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Rebirth of Jewish Life in Russia Cuts Emigration

By Steven Erlanger New York Thnes Service

OSCOW - Borukh Gorin, all of 22 years old, is editor of Lekhaim, a monthly magazine for Russia's Jews that began in December 1991 with eight muddy black-and-white pages, published in 3,000 copies.

The latest issue, in color and stuffed with

advertisements from some of the new Russia's most prominent Jewish businesses and banks, has 80 pages, with 50,000 copies published. The name of the magazine is the Russian transliteration of l'chaim, Hebrew for "to

Mr. Gorin, who was born in Odessa. Ukraine, came to Moscow in 1989 to study at one of Russia's few yeshivas or schools for religious instruction. "I grew up in the Soviet Jewish tradition of quiet assimilation," he said. "We did have a mezuzah on the door and kept some holidays.

'But it was very hard for my parents and myself, because you can't live two lives. My father's dream was to emigrate, to go out of Russia to America, and then I could go to yeshiva. Now my parents are about to leave, but I'm staying. It's my work, and Russia is my home. I feel myself at home here."

His experience is oot atypical. Jewish emigration from Russia is dropping sharply. Most of those who leave now are older, while their children are making lives in the relative freedom and openness of a marketizing, de-

More Russian Jews are willing to identify themselves as Jews and more, especially the young, are doing so with pride in a country where open religious practice in general is

surging after years of official repression.

Alexander M. Israilevsky, a mayoral aide in Krasnoyarsk, Siberia, said he was "a typical Soviet Jew" - assimilated, wary, nonreligious. But his 16-year-old son now goes to religious school and openly follows Ortho-

doxy.
"His Russian friends are actually impressed with him," a proud Mr. Israilevsky said. "They're impressed with his belief and commitment, while they find nothing to be-

abbis note a new and growing interest among Russia's long-assimilated Jews to learn more about their religion, to read about it and practice it. But money for such projects from international Jewish organizations is declining and the dollar is losing purchasing power here.

'We had 500 kids at our summer camp in 1992 and it cost about \$2 a kid a day," said Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt of Moscow's Choral Synagogue. "Today it costs \$15 a day

Simultaneously, he said, aid is dropping. "Russia is off the front pages and there seems less crisis for Jews here," he said. "When Israel is talking land for peace and dealing with the PLO, the average Jew in Chicago is

No one pretends that Russians have suddenly lost their long-ingrained anti-Semitism,

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which was manipulated by the state going back to pogroms under the czars and forward to the Soviet era. Then, the rights of Soviet Jews to emigrate became a delicate Cold War issue.

And-Semitism is still propagated today by ultranationalist politicians at the fringes, but official anti-Semitism has gone, and openly anti-Semitic acts are few. Jews here remain uneasy but are growing more confident about a place in Russian life.

This year, for the first time, more Ukrainian Jews have applied to emigrate than Russian Jews. And because of immigration from the turbulent Caucasus regioo and Central Asia. the Jewish population of Moscow has grown, again for the first time in recent memory.

In the former Soviet Union, there are an estimated 2 million to 2.5

listed 1.8 million Soviet citizens who had their nationality listed as Jewish in their passports. Many found it advisable to assimilate then; many still do, but fewer than before.

Russia's Jewish population is estimated at 1.6 million, and Moscow's at 200,000 to 300,000. But the number of regularly ob-

servant Jews is comparatively tiny,
"That's our main challenge," said Rabbi
Berel Lazar, an Italian-born American who is in eharge of the expanding Chabad Lubavitch activities here. "Most Russian Jews know little about Judaism. We want them to feel Jewish and to live a Jewish life. Nobody really knows how many Jews are here. But there are enough for us to work our whole lives

While financing from traditional Jewish or-anizations is smaller, a Hasidic group, Chabad Lubavitch, is expanding its work and budget, and it has been successful in finding local or Soviet-born businessmen willing to con-

Lubavitch was founded in 18th-century Byelorussia and many adherents believe that their last grand rebbe, Menachem Mendel Schneerson, who died in New York in 1994, was the Messiah. The Lubavitchers work to promote Jewish life in the former Soviet Union and do not advocate emigration to Israel.

In Moscow the Lubavitchers run two synagogues and several schools — including a yeshiva, kindergartens and a seminary for young women — a soup kitchen for the poor and a "meals on wheels" program for the elderly. They print Lekhaim, Mr. Gorin's magazine, publish and sell books on Jewish

By Larry Robter

New York Times Service

Canal, Americans have con-tended with chants of "Yankee

Go Home!" But now, with the

United States actually poised

and apparently eager to leave,

Panamanians are suddenly hav-

growing realization that when

the United States leaves on Dec.

Panama Canal Treaties of 1977,

Panama will, for the first time in

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PANAMA CTTY — Almost

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nial enclave in the heart of this security of the canal" and of



million Jews, though of- Rabbi Berel Lazar watching a workman sand the floor of a new Lubavitch synagogue in Moscow.

themes and this year distributed 35,000 copies of a glossy calendar that describes Jewish holidays, traditions and ceremonies.

The Lubavitchers are putting the finishing touches on a synagogue, built with local help for about \$150,000, and are raising money to build a Jewish community center.

Unlike most other Jewish denominations, the messianic Lubavitchers are also working in 29 other cities in the former Soviet Union. "We're doing 10 times what we did two years ago," said Rabbi Lazar. "Before, our hudget was \$50,000 a year, and now it's \$5 million to \$6 million. A lot of the money is now coming from the local Jewish community, who are finding more pride in open identification with

The Lubavitchers have benefited in particular from the generosity of Levi Levayev, whose father was a Hasidic rabbi in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, Mr. Levayev, a diamond merchant who lives mostly in Belgium and Israel, set up the Keren Or Avner foundation in his father's name and is said to contribute nearly \$2 million a year to the Lubavitchers' activities here. The main point, Rabbi Lazar says, is en-

gagement on the ground. Rabbi Goldschmidt, who is Swiss, is working to find more cootributions from local Jewish business owners while trying to maintain aid from abroad. The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee is spending more than \$11 million this year on the Jews of

the former Soviet Union, but other organi-

In Panama, Signs of 'Gringo' Nostalgia

zations find that they must retrench.

political stability the American

Who do we know, and who

presence has long guaranteed.

our own mistakes and given us prosperity?" asked Ramiro

Chang, 28, an accountant.

The gringos, that's who.

We're used to having them

around, and if they stay, that

would be the best safeguard

against any future problems."

According to a poll pub-lished in mid-October by the

31, 1999, as required by the newspaper El Panama Amer- 1999, yielded \$462 million in

ica, 86 percent of Panamanians

oow want U.S. military bases to

remain after the year 2000.

Those in favor said a continuing terway.

Rabbi Goldschmidt sees the cuts as indicative of new difficulties, some of which stem from his success in making Moscow, rather than Jerusalem, a magnet for formerly Soviet Jews.

While many Russian Jews are staying, most of the Jews applying to go to Israel are from more chaotic parts of the former Soviet Union: Georgia, Uzbekistan, Ukraine and Cancasian Russia, especially Dagestan and Chechnya.

But many of these Jews have come to Moscow, says Rabbi Goldschmidt. And for the first time, in addition to regular Sabbath services in the synagogue, there are three additional services for the Georgian, Bukharan and "Mountain Jews" now living here, who speak little Russian or Hebrew.

The Georgians are about 2,000 families and have their own rabbi; the Bukharan Jews are about 200 families, and the Tats, the so-called Mountain Jews from the Cancasus, mainly Dagestan and Azerbaijan, several thousand. While the Tats are most numerous, "they are less literate, and few know how to pray," Rabbi Goldschmidt said. But he provides a Moroccan Jew as a cantor.

"It's like a Tower of Babel," he said,

COMING UP

Despite all his flaws, the mayor of New York has managed to accomplish more in two years than almost anyone imagined possible. Along the way, he has challenged the assumptions of big-city

Jordan Invites Foes Of Saddam to Talks On Governing Iraq

By Douglas Jehl New York Times Service

AMMAN, Jordan - King Hussein of Jordan has offered to be host to what would he an extraordinary gathering of Iraqi opposition leaders to discuss arrangements for governing Iraq after President Saddam Hus-

With Amman already playing host to prominent Iraqi defectors, the step would mark an important new break with Baghdad by the king, who sided with the Iraqi leader during the Gulf

There is no sign that Mr. Saddam is in jeopardy, and some Arab countries have expressed

But Jordanian officials and Western diplomats here say that no doubt that the king is committed to playing a leading role in planning Iraq's future.

'We're questioning the wispluralism in Iraq without invit- dan. ing the actors themselves to come and say to the world ex- a meeting could he held as early actly what their definition of plu-ralism is," Crown Prince Hassan bin Talal said in an interview

sein and Iraqi opposition figures, the crown prince said the proposed gathering here would aim to find common ground among William.

disparate Iraqi groups.
It is unlikely that a single conference could untangle questions about how a future Iraqi federation might divide power among the Shiite Muslim minority in the south, the Kurds in the north, and the Sunni Muslim minority that provides Mr. Saddam's power base.

But with Jordan continuing to suffer economically from the UN sanctions in effect since 1990 on what was once its largest trading partner, diplo-mats here say that King Hussein had concluded that more should skepticism about the Jordanian be done now to lay the groundwork for a change in the Iraqi

"He elearly appears to have concluded that Jordan's interests the new overture hy King Hussein to Iraqi dissidents has left are best served by a change in the regime in Baghdad," a Western diplomat said. "He can be imatient, and he clearly believes that the sooner such change dom of continuing to talk about comes about, the bener for Jor-

Some diplomats here said that as next month, and they said they expected it to be accompanied by the transplantation of here. After meetings in London some Iraqi opposition groups to last month between King Hus-new headquarters in Jordan.

TRAVEL UPDATE

The Fallout From French Strikes

PARIS (Reuters) — Here is a summary of the main disruptions caused by labor action Tuesday in France and expected later in the

 There was virtually no national rail or Paris commuter services, and snow showers worsened misery for commuters, but morning jams around Paris dropped far below Monday's record 560 kilometers (350 miles). Limited Eurostar train service was maintained between Paris, London and Brussels.

· Air France and Air Inter cabin crews were expected to go on a 24-hour strike Thursday.

 According to union officials, most tax offices and 20 customs posts were disrupted, and the Bank of France was expected to strike on Thursday and Friday.

 Power capacity was down by a third as 30 percent of electricity workers went on strike. One nuclear reactor was down and 23 were on reduced output. The electricity utility said that France was producing just enough for itself but must import some power to meet export contracts.

 The strike began to affect new sectors, including teachers and hospital workers, but mobilization was far from total. The post office said that 84 out of 135 sorting centers were closed.

Months' Delay for Brussels Rail Line

BRUSSELS (AP) - Train traffic through the Belgian capital will be disrupted for months after a fire at the North Stations, destroyed a major signaling center, officials said Tuesday.

of electrical cables, rush hours in and out of the capital have been chaotie because part of the vital north-south line through Brussels has been out of use. About 150,000 commuters use about 1,000 trains on the line every day.

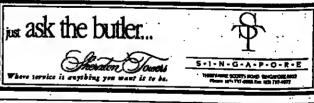
buses, trams and underground rall services in northern Italy were brought to a standstill Tuesday by an eight-hour strike by city transport workers who are pressing for improved work conditions. Officials said further eight-hour stoppages would follow Wednesday in central Italy and on Thursday in the south of the country, Sicily and Sardinia.

Yielding to international pressure for improving safety at Nepal's only international airport, the government here has announced plans to set up radar systems with Japanese help. The Kamandu airport has one of the most difficult approaches in the world. In 1992, more than 250 people were killed in two separate plane crashes involving Thai International Airways and Pakistan International Airlines jets.

Traffic carried by the Shuttle train through the tunnel beneath the Channel increased sharply in November, the operating company, Eurotunnel, said Tuesday. Eurotunnel, which is renegotiating huge debts owed to banks to avoid insolvency, said that the number of cars, motor homes and motorbikes carried on the Calais-Dover route during November had increased to 129,286 from 120,368 in October.

A blizzard closed Bucharest's international airport Tuesday, and flights were rerouted to other cities in the region. No airplanes left Otopeni Airport on Tuesday.

The British brewer Whitbread announced Tuesday its intention to build two hotels in the prestigious County Hall, the former town hall that dominates the bank of London's River Thames opposite Westminster.



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about extending the American military presence. His party, the Revolutionary Democratic Party, or PRD, was founded by General Omar Torrijos, the nationalist strongman who negotiated the canal

small nation is giving way to Panama itself, as well as for the nounced a proposed. That tears of losing the economic and economic benefits the installa-

Studies by the U.S. military

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timate that the 8,800 American

troops in Panama, plus the even larger number of dependents

with them, generate 22,000 jobs

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revenue last year, most of

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vested in the 83-kilometer wa-

Bowing to those realities,

President Ernesto Pérez Balladares has put aside ideology

and cautiously agreed to "ex-ploratory talks" with Washing-

The Panama Canal, currently

tions confer.

man economy.

treaties, and later, under General Manuel Antonio Noriega, became even more virulently anti-American.

The talks were originally nians squirm, after so many scheduled to begin Nov. 30, but on Nov. 22 the two sides an wanted here."

and the resistance of some party leaders, but Panamanian officials maintain that has no connection with the delay. General Barry McCaffrey, the senior officer of the Southern Command, the U.S. military's

protests by university students

regional headquarters for Latin America, recently said there was "no vital U.S. interest" that would require a military presence into the 21st century. In another sign of Washing-

ton's hardball approach, General McCaffrey has also said he wants to move the Southern Command from its headquarters in Quarry Heights, overlooking the Panamanian capital, to a new site in Miami well before the departure date set by the treaties.

"We expect to be there on July 4, 1998, at the latest," he ton starting some time next year said earlier this year, adding that he thought a September 1997 withdrawal would be even bet-

An American civilian, who works with the military, said: "There are a lot of guys at SouthCom who say Panama needs to feel the pain of us leaving. They are really enjoying this, watching the Panama-

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THE AMERICAS

Doctors Are Wary Of Reforms In Medicaid

By Robert Pear New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Leaders of the American Medical Association, who endorsed the plans of the House speaker, Newt Gingrich, for Medicare eight weeks ago, have ex-pressed grave concern about Republican proposals for Med-icaid and said Congress should preserve a federal guarantee of health insurance coverage for

low-income people.

Trustees of the association said they had not endorsed the Republicans' bill, the Medicaid Transformation Act of 1995, which was submitted to President Bill Clinton last week as part of a wide ranging measure to balance the budget. The bill would replace the current Medicaid program with himp sum grants that the states could decide how to spend on health care for low-income people.

Mr. Clinton has also asserted that it was crucial to maintain a federal guarantee of coverage for the poor. He has until Tuesday to act on the legislation, which he has said he will veto.

Republicans hailed the medical association's endorsement of their Medicare proposals in October and cannot easily dismiss the doctors' concerns about Medicaid now, Medicare covers 37 million people who are elderly or disabled.

Dr. James S. Todd, executive vice president of the associa-tion, said many doctors wanted to preserve Medicaid as a federal entitlement so that certain groups of low-income people would be guaranteed coverage for specific health benefits.

But the Republican bill says that states are not required to cover "any particular items or services," and that federal law shall not be construed as providing for an entitlement,"

Republicans say the Jumpsum payments, known as block

Richard K. Armey of Texas, the House Republican leader, said he welcomed the doctors' views, but did not think they would change many votes in

The doctors' ability to deliver care to needy patients will not be diminished." Mr. Gille-

Critics of the proposal say states will be tempted to reduce the number of people covered or the services provided, especially in recessions, when more people apply for help.

The medical association said it had oot openly opposed converting Medicaid to a block grant program because congressional leaders indicated that this change was "nonnegotiable." But Dr. Todd said the policy of the association was to state Medicaid programs.

The association said, "There needs to be an appropriate balance between states' interests in securing increased flexibility, in light of fewer federal funds for Medicaid, and the very real needs of the people the Medicaid program is intended to serve, most of whom have no other means of access to health care coverage

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HANDS ON — René Préval, who was prime minister under President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, pressing for support in his own presidential bid. Haitians vote on Dec. 17.

Cities' Worst Woes Beginning to Ease

But Smaller Towns Suffer

By Michael Janofsky New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Violent crime, infant mortality and the spread of AIDS and other urban problems have begun to recede in some of the nation's largest cities, even though they are increasing in smaller cities, a new report by a public-health research organization said.

The report, issued by the nonprofit National Public Health and Hospital Institute, was based on census information, federal crime statistics and health-care surveys from the 100 largest cities in the country. It found, among other things, that from 1980 to 1990, the number of children living in poverty increased nationally by 12 percent, while in the 25 largest cities the ranks of poor children increased by 9.4 percent.

The study also found that violent crime over the same time increased nationally by 46 percent, while the rise was 36.4 percent in the largest cities.

Referring to programs that rates of violent crime, infant have lowered the incidence of mortality, teenage pregnandisease, the report said that since 1980, "the largest 25 cities are doing better" than the United States generally.

Dennis P. Andrulis, the institute's president, said that the group's report should be taken into consideration by federal lawmakers in drafting legislation

that would turn programs like Medicaid into block grants administered by states. The Republicans' plan to balance the budget would establish block

grants for welfare, child care and Medicaid, and, in some cases, food stamps. Mr. Andrulis said he was concerned that block grants

would not take into consid-

eratioo cities' specific needs. He noted that many of the largest cities were finding some solutions to problems simply out of desperation and that their approaches should be studied by smaller cities with similar problems.

For example, the report found that local health officials in Cleveland, the country's 23d largest city, had made significant strides in combating the incidence of tuberculosis, gonorrhea and AIDS.

As the country's most populous city. New York is a prime example, the report said, of a large city having mortality, teenage pregnan-cies, high school graduation and households headed by women that were better than the national averages.

By comparison, the report found that in Mobile, Alabama, the 79th most-populous city, the increase of violent crime was almost triple the average of the 100 cities; the decline in the rate of infant mortality was a third of the national average; the decline of teeoage pregnancies was less than half the national average, and the increase of high school graduations lagged be-hind the national average by about a fifth.

The oumber of households in Mobile led by women increased by almost 26 percent, a rate two-thirds above the national average.

"The overall perception of large cities is that they are dens of iniquity while smaller cities have more of a main street ideal with a veneer of re-spectability," said Sara said Sara Rosenbaum, director of the George Washington Universi-ty Center for Health Policy Research and an adviser to the report. "But if you put aside the assumptions, underneath. the problems are often far worse in smaller cities."

Officials from cities with smaller populations than the 100 examined by the repor say urban problems are finding their way into suburban towns and villages. John DeStefano, mayor of New Haven, said that communities around Connecticut's largest cities, Bridgeport, Hartford and New Haven, bad begun encountering the same prob-lems found in New York and Los Angeles.

POLITICALNOTES

Dole Denies He Aids Company

WASHINGTON — The Senate majority leader, Bob Dole, says it is "totally absurd" to link his help in Congress for the company that sells Chiquita bananas to his use of its company planes on political trips.

The Republican presidential front-runner has been making campaign trips in planes belonging to companies owned by the family of Carl Lindner, the Cincinnati multimillionaire who controls Chiquita Brands International, The New York Times reported Tuesday.

Mr. Dole has been trying for months without success to include amendments to a major budget bill that would impose sanctions on Costa Rica and Colombia unless they pull out of a trade deal securing banana exports to the European Union. Chiquita opposes the deal.

A statement released by the Kansas senator's office said he was acting because the Clinton administration had "failed to deliver on its 2-year-old commitment to resolve this case of blatant trade discrimination, which continues to cause serious injury to U.S. commercial interests."

Another Snag in Budget Talks

WASHINGTON - Further complicating the troubled budget talks, new economic predictions will not be available for another week, the Congressional Budget Office has in-formed Republican and Democratic oegonators.

House and Senate Republican budget leaders have re-peatedly insisted that they cannot conduct meaningful negotiations with Democrats over a seven-year plan to eliminate the deficit until both sides agree to a new set of budget office figures that forecast the growth of the economy, longterm interest rates and other factors that affect the deficit.

Republicans have also demanded that the White House and coogressional Democrats present their detailed proposal for eliminating the deficit by 2002. A top aide to the Senate majority leader, Bob Dole, said Monday that the budget talks would resume Tuesday, but without the new figures. (WP)

Interior Secretary on Road Again

WASHINGTON - After spending much of his first two years in the cabinet in a frustrating and losing fight with Congress over his plans to overhaul federal land policies, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt has regained his voice and his footing as the Clintoo administration's most outspoken critic of the Republican environmental agenda.

For more than half a year, the former Arizona governor has virtually disappeared from the Washington radar screen. But in contrast to 1993 and 1994, Mr. Babbitt is spending little time in interior Western states, where he created a stir. This year, on a tour that has had him on the road for more than 100 days. Mr. Babbitt has been visiting regions where he is more welcome—the Northeast, Midwest, Southeast and West Coast. He is speaking out against what he has called "the worst onslaught on public lands and the environment in this century." (WP)

Quote / Unquote

John C. Danforth, the former Republican senator from Missouri, after Alan K. Simpson, Republican of Wyoming, became the 12th senator to announce that he would not run for re-election next year: "The center is falling out."

Away From Politics

- O.J. Simpson met with a legal analyst from Cable News Network to discuss a no-holds-barred interview, but be and the network could oot agree on the terms, CNN said. (AP)
- ABC plans to lauoch a 24-hour cable news channel to compete with CNN, sources said. They said the network would likely seek distribution of an all-news channel through cable and direct satellite, as well as through new delivery systems being devised by telephone companies.
- steroi awareness su Lung and Blood Instituteshowed that more than 90 percent of Americans knew about the risk of high blood cholesterol, and about three of every four adults have had cholesterol levels checked. Increased awareness is paying off in fewer deaths from heart attacks, officials say.
- Blacks cannot sue the federal government for damages or an apology for slavery of their ancestors and cannot require courts to correct allegedly discriminatory acts by Congress, a federal appeals court in San Francisco ruled.

Galileo Is Just About There, By Jove! After 6 Years, Spacecraft Gets to Jupiter on Thursday craft had orbited Jupiter or any But it is by no means certain plunge into the atmosphere. If By John Noble Wilford

New York Times Service

PASADENA, California -During the last six years, while traveling 2.3 billion miles, the Galileo spacecraft has flown by Venus once and Earth twice, grants, would give states new passed within camera range of freedom to set eligibility critical and scope of benefits, so they could run Medicaid programs more efficiently.

Haley Barbour, chairman of the Republican National Committee, and Republican governors like John M. Engler of Michigan affirmed them same and balky tape recorder, and more than once engineers. Michigan affirmed their sup- and more than once engineers port for Medicaid block grants here have come close to de- for the probe is just above the on Monday. Ed Gillespie, a spair, mocertain that their craft

> On Thursday, the 21/2-ton (1,180-kilogram) spacecraft should arrive and

> swing into an orbit of Jupiter to in at least two years of debegin at least two years or us-tailed observations of the planet and its retinue of diverse

of the solar system's four giant outer planets, gaseous worlds very different from the likes of Earth and other inner planets.

On the same day, a 746-pound capsule, which detached from Galileo in July and has been flying separately since, is due to plunge through the gases of the upper atmosphere of a planet without a solid surface. It is to descend by parachute through denser, hotter, more turbulent clouds, where winds blow fiercely and lightning flashes menacingly.

The predicted point of entry

- 6.5 degrees north longitude — and far from the ture, the seemingly permanent

expected to gather the first data on Jovian composition, temperatures and pressures, which are to be transmitted for 75 minutes to the mother craft for relay to Earth. That would be long Four times, U.S. spacecraft enough for the capsule to pen-time flown by Jupiter for fleet-ing but intriguing glances. This the atmosphere, the extent of would be the first time that any errate more than 400 miles into

Increasing pressures and heat vaporize the thick metal shield- may destroy it. If the entry aning and everything else, remov-ing any trace of humanity's brief moment of discovery in Jupiter's depths.

Scientists and engineers of the \$1.3 billion mission, directed by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California, can do little but wait, The spacecraft, now 580 million miles from Earth and 2 million away from Jupiter, is gathering speed from the increasing tug of the giant planet's tremendous gravity.

Last Friday, the spacecraft sensed that it had crossed the complish about /U boundary from interplanetary space into the sphere of Jupiter's influence, where its powerful magnetic forces dominate. The next day, the craft's steering jets were fired briefly to make a final

And the atmospheric probe has been coasting since July on automatic controls and out of communication to conserve banery power. Controllers will be waiting auxiously for silence to be broken with the first radio signal, which should come as soon as the probe begins its

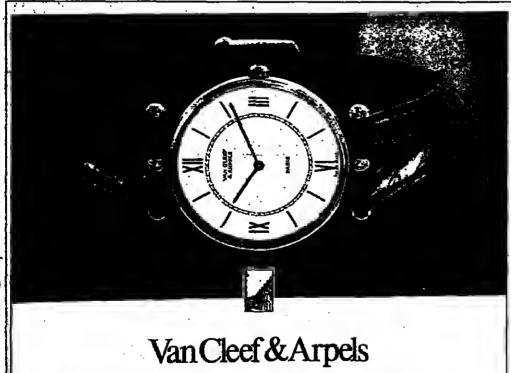
that it will survive that long. the capsule enters the atmosphere at an angle steeper than will eventually crush, melt and eight degrees, the joit and heat gle is too shallow, the capsule may skip out into space again.

"That will definitely be white-knuckle time," said Dr. Richard E. Young, chief scien-tist for the probe, which was developed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administra-tion's Ames Research Center in Mountain View, California. Despite various technical afflictions, especially the hope-lessly undeployed main anten-

na, officials confidently predict that Galileo will be able to acoriginal goals. But because of the slow transmission rate of the backup antenna, there will be fewer pic-

tures than planned, and none transmitted at the time of Galileo's arrival. At first, priority will be giveo

to getting back the probe data. No photographs are expected before oext July.



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In Kwangju, the 1980 Massacre Still Haunts Lives and Memories

By Nicholas D. Kristof New York Times Service

KWANGJU, South Korea — He lost an for ordering the massacre. eye when soldiers stomped on his face, and his brother-in-law was shot to death, and his parents went insane, but, in some re- can we put this all behind us?" spects, Lee Ji Hyun is a remarkably lucky man. He lived.

Mr. Lee survived a massacre of prodemocracy demonstrators bere in the provincial capital, Kwangju, in an incident in 1980 that has haunted South Korea ever socket, holding it in one hand and pointing figures range into the thousands.

"They should be executed," said Mr. bis younger brother was imprisoned, and left eye. "Unless we execute them, how

Few people expect the former presidents, Chun Doo Hwan and Roh Tae Woo. to face the gallows. But both are now in prison and are expected to go on trial next year for staging a coup in 1979 and for ordering the Kwangju massacre in May since. As he plucked his false eye from its 1980. Hundreds were killed, and some

years to honor the victims of the massacre Lee, a tall man with a white patch over his and twice he was imprisoned — once for now South Korea has been turned upside down and it is the former presidents who are wearing prison uniforms.

The massacre was a pivotal moment in modern Korean history, nurturing radicalism and anti-Americanism among a generation of youth.

An opinion poll at Seoul National University once asked students to identify the

named the Kwangju massacre.

on the graves on Monday. An unusually themselves with weapons taken from arlarge number of visitors walked among the mories, briefly ruled the city. tombstones, paying tribute to those who died in the massacr

'The spirits will be relieved a bit,' said Kim Jae Young, a 59-year-old man walk-ing solemnly among the rows of graves. "Their anguish has been soothed."

Mr. Chun set the stage for the Kwangju

with the other to the scars on his face, Mr.

Lee reflected on the prospect of a trial soon of two of the country's former presidents for ordering the massacre

For people in Kwangiu who have fought for 15 years to investigate the massacre and punish those responsible, this is a moment of two of the country's former presidents for ordering the massacre

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At Mangwol Dong Cemetery, where 125

f the victure are buried a light control of the victure are buried as light control of the vict 21/2 years — because of his efforts. Yet, of the victims are buried, a light snow fell the military government. Protesters, armed

> Ten days after the initial protests, the army invaded Kwangju with tanks and machine guns.

> The government has put the civilian death toll at 193, but that figure does not square with the list of 288 dead people whose relatives the government eventually

States played in the massacre. It is an article of faith among many people in Kwangju that the U.S. military commanders in South Korea stood aside to allow the massacre to

U.S. officials have denied complicity, saying that they had no control over the Korean army units that were used. There is no sign, however, that the United States tried hard to stop the killing, and the Reagan administration feted Mr. Chun at the White House less than a year later.

Sri Lanka Raises Its Flag Over Jaffna

COLOMBO — Government forces raised the Sri Lankan flag Tuesday over the former Tamil rebel stronghold of Hours after the flag went up, Jaffna city, marling a turning Tamil Tiger rebels attacked an point in the military's 12-year war against separatist guerril-

RANGOON — Stepping op its criticism of Burma's opposition leader, the military gov-ernment suggested Tuesday that Daw Aung San

Suu Kyi was a traitor and said that she and her

pro-democracy colleagues would be 'annihi-lated' if they tried to destabilize the country.

The state-run New Light of Myanmar and

commentaries indirectly comparing Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to a reviled 19th-century traitor

who helped British forces conquer Burma,

a de facto government for about million minority Tamils.

eastern military base Tuesday. The rebels tried to ram a van The fall of Jaffna is unlikely Special Task Force police camp to end the civil war that has near Kalmunai in the Batticaloa trol over the city by the Tigers. killed more than 39,000 people, district, but it blew up at the The flag was hoisted by the

Burma's Criticism Grows Stronger

2 Papers Liken Pro-Democracy Leader to a Traitor

Mirror Daily newspapers, both widely regarded as mouthpieces of the ruling military, carried organized by the government, undemocratic.

your activities and they will annihilate, holding hands with the people, anyone who makes the country unstable," the newspaper commentary said. It was headlined, "Wither goes the military has not accepted.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, who was awarded the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize, has made repeated calls for talks on political reform, but the military has not accepted.

'True young patriots are well aware of all defiance since her release.

then broke out.

packed with explosives into a over Jaffna, it symbolically ended nearly a decade of con-

thou, Maung Ba Than?" More than 100 years ago, Maung Ba Than helped British troops capture Mandalay, then the capital, which led

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, who was released from six years of house arrest in July, pulled her

National League for Democracy out of a con-

vention drawing up guidelines for a new con-stitution last week. She called the proceedings.

been meeting intermittently since January

1993, was the party's most significant act of

The boycon of the convention, which has

to British colonial rule throughout Burma.

but it appears to mark the end of gate, killing a sentry, military deputy defense minister, Anuthe rebels' civil administration, officials said. Fierce fighting ruddha Ratwatte, in a ceremony capping the military's 50-day

The rebels also knocked out power supplies to the Batticaloa district, the officials added.

Wheo the Sri Lankan armed city, which has been completely liberated from Tamil Tigers," said a reporter broadcasting the ceremony live on state-run radio. "This is a his-toric moment."

The guerrillas are fighting for a Tamil homeland in northern and eastern Sri Lanka. They assert that ine Sinhalese majority discriminates against them.

The Tigers, who have not admined the fall of their citadel, said Tuesday that they were continuing to fight. The rebel Voice of Tigers radio announced a major recruitment drive and urged people to join the rebels to stop the army "before it was too late.".

As government forces closed in on Jaffna in a seven-week offensive, most of the 120,000 civilians in the city fled. Last month, government troops en-tered Jaffna for the first time in five years. In the last few days, the military moved in to capture the entire city, with soldiers picking their way past mines

and booby traps. On Tuesday, the government urged the people to celebrate the military success on a low key, reprisals against the (AP, Reuters)



TAIWAN LAWMAKERS GET BACK IN THE SWING — Deputies in Taiwan's Parliament got down to battling Tuesday as the legislature reconvened after elections in which the governing Kuomintang saw its majority reduced.

BRIEFLYASIA

Malaysia Denies Arms Buildup

LANGKAWI ISLAND, Malaysia - Malaysia's planned ourchase of main battle tanks and its recent acquisition of other

heavy military items do not amount to an arms race, Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad said Tuesday.

Defense Minister Syed Hamid Albar said Monday that the country planned to buy 300 main battle tanks starting in 1996. He said the government was choosing between the Mark III built by Vickers of Britain and the T-72 offered by both Poland

"We need to have some tanks," Mr. Mahathir said at the opening day of the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace show on this tourist island. "Maybe if we are called upon to serve the United Nations, then we will have the necessary equipment. When we were asked to serve in Bosnia. we didn't have the equipment and we had to borrow and buy. urgently buy the equipment. It is not good to purchase in a

"But we are not involved in an arms race, if that's what's

In North Korea, Signs of Famine

TOKYO - Signs of famine are visible across North Korea after catastrophic floods last summer and the ending of aid following the collapse of the Soviet Union, a United Nations official said Tuesday.

"There are signs of famine in various parts of this country. They are everywhere," said the World Food Program representative in North Korea, Trevor Page, speaking by telephone from Pyongyang, "There is a food emergency," he added.

International aid was a mere trickle, he said, falling far short of the huge amount required, and people in western provinces, where arable land had been swept away by floodwaters, were

particularly affected. Chinese Loyalty Test for Tibetans

BEIJING - In a test of their loyalties to China, Tibetan religious leaders have been told to denounce the exiled Dalai Lama and a senior Buddhist monk in Tibet, a monitoring group

While officials incessantly attack the Dalai Lama, the de-nunciation campaign is the first time since 1980 that Tibetans are being called on to criticize a religious figure not in exile, the Tibet Information Network said.

The London-based groop, which is highly critical of Chinese

rule, believes the campaign signals that Beijing has jettisoned a policy allowing more religious freedom in return for political allegiance.

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UN Envoy Urges Timor Dialogue

DILI, East Timor - The visiting UN High Commissioner for

DILI, East Timor — The visiting UN High Commissioner for Human Rights called on the Indonesian-appointed East Timor government on Tuesday to step up dialogue with local people to help solve buman rights problems in the territory.

"I've asked the East Timor government to solve buman rights problems by holding dialogues with the local people."

José Ayala Lasso said after talks with Governor Abilio Soares.

The city was calm at the start of Mr. Ayala Lasso's two-day with the consisted swith the 20th appropriate species. visit, which coincides with the 20th anniversary of Indonesia's invasion of the former Portuguese colony on Dec. 7.

Mr. Avala Lasso also held talks with local police and military officials and members of the local parliament.

On Wednesday he was due to meet the outspoken East Timor Roman Catholic bishop, Carlos Belo. (Reuters)

VOICES From Asia

Hun Sen, second prime minister of Cambodia, in a speech on state-run television and radio warning that demonstrations might be arranged at the French and American embassies in Phnom Penh if Western countries did not stop interfering with Cambodia's internal affairs: "I am saying be careful. The demonstrations could enter your embassies. I warn the Americans, do oot be proud of the great power which comes from planning to bring ships and aircraft here again. You have lost once, you want to come again?"

Gadzali Jaafar, deputy chairman for political affairs of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, saying that the Muslim group will continue strengthening its forces on the southern Philippine island of Mindanao: "The responsibility of any revolutionary organization is to strengthen its forces as long as it does not achieve the goals it is fighting for."

Fumiko Suzuki, an expert on Japanese constitutional law, after Japan's top court upheld a statute that requires women to wait six mouths after a divorce before remarrying, saying that the law is based on the practical need of determining the father of potential children: "Tuesday's ruling is based on outdated views. It is now quite simple to establish an infant's paternity. There is really no scientific reason to keep this law." (AP)

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Australia Hunts Down Deadly Virus

By Philip Shenon
New York Times Service

BRISBANE, Australia - Troy Rail, 24. father, Vic Rail, was a renowned norse trainer along Australia's sun-soaked Gold Coast, where thoroughbred racing is a sporting obsession second only to surfing.

Yet, despite their shared mastery of Yet, despite their shared mastery of the surface of the surfa

horse care, neither father nor son could figure out why the borses in the family's stables outside Brisbane were beginning to die.
"They wouldn't eat," Troy Rail said,

"That was the first sign that something was wrong — and then they really began to suffer." He shuddered at the memory of the animals' tortured deaths last year. "First, they'd get a twitch," he said. "Then they began to shake, bashing themselves into the wall."

Within days, 14 horses had died, their fluid that they drowned. And whatever killed the horses was beginning to kill Vic Rail. The 49-year-old trainer died a week after he entered the hospital in September family to afflict more than one species. 1994, his lungs dissolving.

Only a few months before the attention family discovered in humans since measles of the world's scientists was drawn to an outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus in the by the Persian physician Rhazes. Central African country of Zaire last spring, Australian scientists were scrambling to solve a viral mystery of their own. It has turned out to be among the most ominous medical mysteries in this counminous medical mysteries in this counfrom small animals in Queensland to test a boles in the vessel walls so that fluid leaked-It has turned out to be among the most try's history, a threat to human lives as well theory about the source of the virus — that into the lungs.

After a yearlong investigation, Australian scientists have identified the killer, a an Australian jockey, was born to race. His father, Vic Rail, was a renowned horse believe they know how it was spread from believe they know how it was spread from

> farmer in Mackay, about 475 miles (760 kilometers) northeast of here, died after contracting the virus. Investigators say it may have lain dormant in his body for

several months before killing him.

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The organism has been ideotified as a lungs filling with so much blood and other morbillivirus, the viral family that includes canine distemper and human measles. Equine morbillivirus, as the Australians called it, is the first member of that virus

It is also the first member of that virus was first described nearly 1,000 years ago

Dr. Keith Murray, chief of the Australian Animal Health Laboratory, which

as to Australia's \$2 billion horse racing the virus thrives in the bloodstream of small animals and becomes deadly only when it is transmitted to horses, humans, and other large creatures.

"Everybody would love to know what the source is," Dr. Murray said in an interview at the animal laboratory outside Melbourne. "If you know what the source is, you know how to deal with it." Investigators say the farmer who died this fall, Mark Preston, may have been

infected when he took part in the autopsy of a horse last year, a bloody procedure that would have allowed for transmission of the

hand down their throats. "Vic Rail was very dedicated to his horses and trying desperately to save them," said Chris Baldock, an epidemiologist who was a member of the scientific

team sent to the Rail farm. "So he was left with scratches all over his arms and hands. Medical investigators were called to the stables on Sept. 22, 1994, and took samples of lung, spleen, and blood from horses that had died hours earlier. Initially, investi-

gators suspected that the horses had died of poisoning. But tests on the samples showed that the cause was a previously unidentified virus, that caused the cells lining the blood ves

EUROPE

An Apparent Dead End for European Centralization

By Tom Buerkle International Herald Tribuna

BRUSSELS — The European Union should set a limited agenda for its 1996 reform conference, focusing policy cooperation in the future. on the minimum changes needed to ensure that the bloc can make decisions effectively as it expands to is excluded that we have a federated more than 20 members, a group of Europe of 27 states in the year 2010." senior EU officials said in a report one German official said. released Tuesday.

that the Union's institutions and procedures would have to be made more flexible to allow different degrees of

Even for Germany, long the chief

Despite the implications for EU co-The report and comments by group hesion, the group did not question the that officials said were likely to limit Barnier, the French representative. members were the clearest official need to expand the Union and unite the agreement during the intergovernmen-

The Union's embrace of Eastern Eu- and 30 in Florence. rope "is a major historical opportunity and also a challenge," said Carlos Westendorp, the Spanish minister for European affairs who chaired the group.

'condemned to succeed,' he added. But the report underscored the divisions among the 15 member states

sign yet that the process of EU centralization had reached a dead end, and perity of both East and West.

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Britain held out against many suggested reforms, including proposals to curtail national veto power by increaslargement, the EU reform conference is with Britain in such areas as defense, believes the government of Prime Minister John Major is in a "very isolated position," said Michel

But David Davis, the junior minister

ported majority voting in principle, they were oot ready to implement it in

sensitive policy areas. The report also hinted at a clash ing the use of majority voting. Even between large and small EU countries proponent of closer political union, "it Given the political necessity of en- France, which has sought closer ties over majority voting, particularly if Germany and France cut a deal on the issue. Bonn and Paris have promised to put forward a joint position on EU reform wheo Chancellor Helmut Kohl and President Jacques Chirac meet in Baden-Baden on Thursday.

Europe Sees Threat In French Turmoil

PARIS — In a phrase that summarized press comment in many European Union countries, the Belgian daily Le Soir emment and strikers end up by on Tuesday described the transport strikes paralyzing France as "the first major crisis of European integration."

The Daily Telegraph of Loodon declared in a front-page headline: "French Crisis Threatens EU Currency" and added:
"The question is whether France

can cut its budget deficit sufficiently to meet the demands of European monetary union. Without France the single currency plan could collapse."

Under the Maastricht treaty on European union, EU members must cut their budget deficits to 3 percent of gross their entry tickets into the cur-domestic product to qualify to rency union through financial join the single currency due to take effect in 1999.

French strikers are calling on Prime Minister Alain Juppé to scrap plans to cut the deficit by overhauling the country's social security system.

Handelsblatt, warned Tuesday that "should the government yield to the protests and postpone restoring health to the social protection system, it would then be much more difficult, if not impossible, to reduce the current deficit. The Dutch daily Financiecle

Dagblad asserted that "without France" there will no European monetary union.

similar line: "Since the Maastricht treaty has never been especially loved by the French, there is a real danger that gov-

agreeing to sacrifice it."
The Financial Times urged Mr. Juppé and the French president, Jacques Chirac, to stand firm, saying: "France is in for a rough few weeks, but they will be worth it if Mr. Juppé is able to salvage the main items in his

Some newspapers warned that other European countries could find themselves in Mr. Chirac's shoes.

"The French unrest is a foretaste of the difficulties other European governments would have to face if they want to earn savings," Handelsblatt said.

Union Appeals for Aid
The Force Ouvrière trade union appealed Tuesday for public donations to compensate striking rail workers for lost pay A German financial daily, and prepare for a long battle against the government's plans, Reuters reported from Paris.

The appeal by the union's leader, Marc Blondel, highlighted a key weakness of France's relatively small and divided unions after 12 days of a public transport strike. Unlike colleagues io Britain or Germany, they bave only small strike funds, and strikers largely have to sustain their struggle Berlin's Tagespiegel took a out of their own pockets.

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Swede's 'No' Turns Out 'Yes'

STOCKHOLM - Finance Minister Goran Persson said Tuesday he would run for the post of party leader and prime minister next year, only hours after having said he could never be persuaded to take on the job.

"The reason I have changed my mind is that I have received a unanimous demand to run from the electoral committee" of the Social Democratic Party, Mr. Persson said. There had been no takers for the post of party leader and prime minister since early November when Deputy Prime Minister Mona Sahlin resigned after revelations that she had misused a government credit card.

Russia Legislative Row Deepens

MOSCOW - The lower house of Parliament on Tuesday overrode an upper chamber veto in a constitutional dispute that threatens to wreck the working of the legislative system.

The State Duma easily mustered a required two-thirds majority to send the draft law, which it approved last month, directly to President Boris N. Yeltsin, bypassing the Federation Council, which rejected it last week. The draft defines how a new Federation Council will be formed after the current chamber's term expires Dec. 13, four days before a new election to the Duma.

The draft backed by the Duma says each of Russia's 89 regions will send two deputies to the chamber: one from the local council, or Parliament, and another from the local executive body.

WEU Presses Paris on Atom Tests

PARIS - France came under fire in the Western European Union assembly Tuesday for its nuclear tests, but managed to delay an embarrassing vote on a resolution urging Paris to curb its program of underground blasts.

The assembly agreed to a French demand to put off any vote until Wednesday. The French argued they had to attend a censure debate in Parliament. (Reuters)

French Arrest Bombing Suspects

PARIS - Police investigating France's wave of terror bombings arrested about 20 suspects early Tuesday in Paris and three other cities.

The authorities made sweeps in the French capital and in Toulouse, Lyon and Tours. Europe-1 radio said the suspects had provided aid to the network of an Islamic radical, Khaled Kelkal, a key suspect in the bombing campaign who was



EU events scheduled for Wednesday: BRUSSELS: Meeting of the European Commission.

BRUSSELS: Transport Commissioner Neil Kinnock meets with Transport Minister Henrique Constantino of

BRUSSELS: The Council for Economic and Social Affairs organizes the 19th meeting of economic and social representatives of the EU and the African, Caribbean and Pacific signatories of the Lomé Convention.

Sources: Agence Europe, AFP.

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A British and an American officer conferring at the Sarajevo airport on Tuesday as a French UN soldier looked on.

French General Won't Return to Bosnia

PARIS — A top French general who was recalled from Bosnia for criticizing the Dayton peace accord will not return to the

Balkans, French officials said Tuesday. General Jean-René Bachelet, commander of United Nations troops in Sarajevo, was recalled to Paris over remarks that the peace accord, which calls for Serb-held reached in Dayton, Ohio, should not be neighborhoods to revert to Bosnian gov- altered in any way, but agreed with France erment authority, gave Sarajevo Serbs "a that Sarajevo's Serbian population had to be choice between a coffin and a suitesse."

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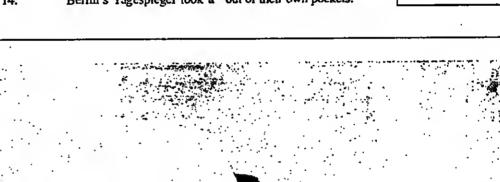
Forcign Minister Hervé de Charette called the remarks "regrettable." General Bachelet held talks with Defense Minister. Charles Millon on Monday afternoon. Officials said Tuesday he would be placed in

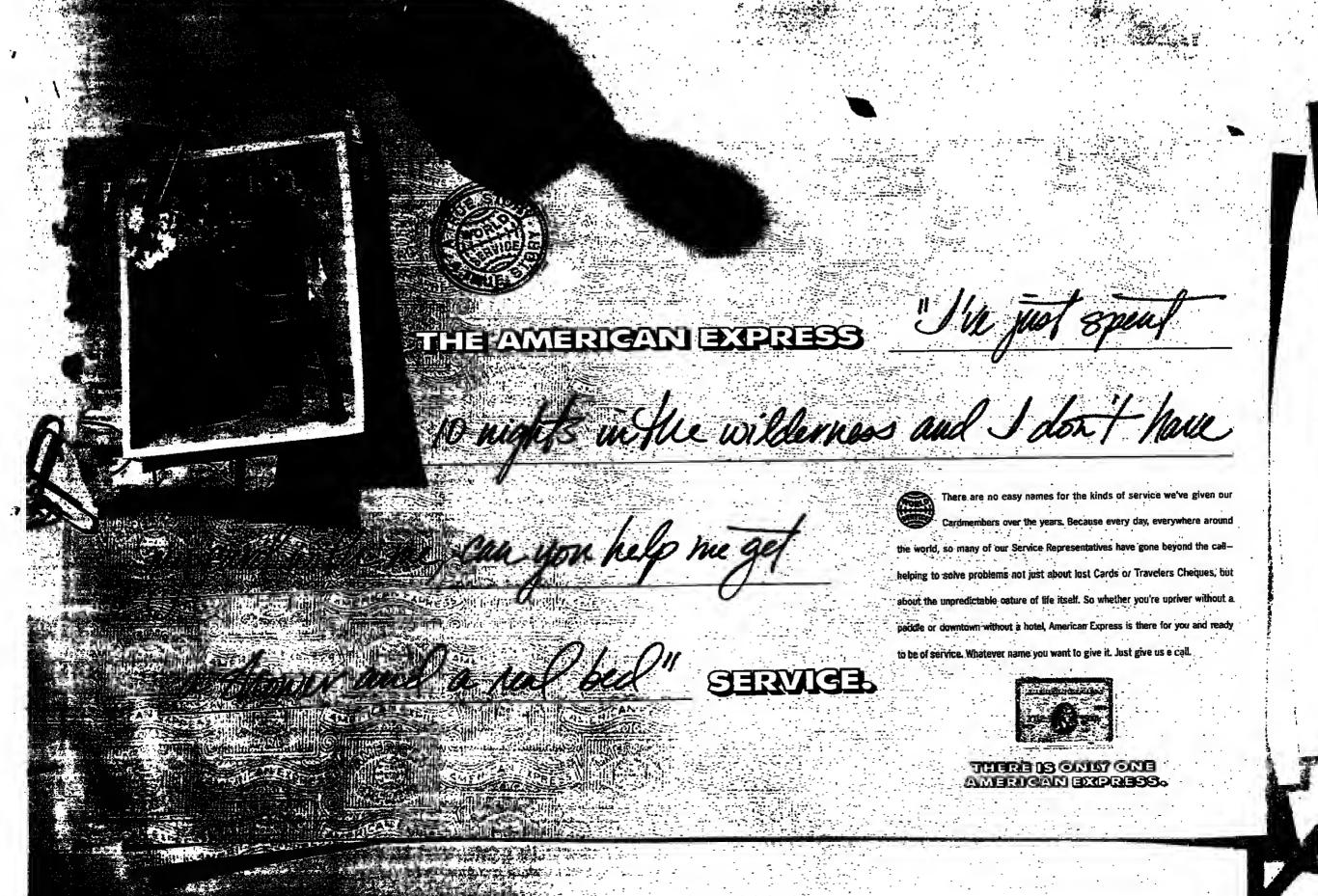
another post in France. In Brussels, meanwhile, the United States said Tuesday that the peace agreement

The U.S. State Department spokesman, Nicholas Burns, said that Serbs living in districts of the capital due to return to Bosnian government control could be protected within the accord's present framework.

"In our private consultations with the French government, there is a coincidence of views that the Dayton agreement shall not be renegotiated," Mr. Burns said. "What was initialled at Dayton will be

signed at Paris in all its respects," he said. The signing is scheduled for Dec. 14.





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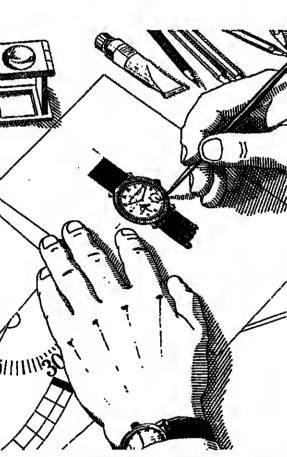
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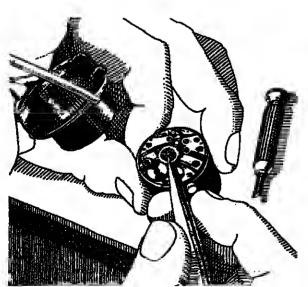
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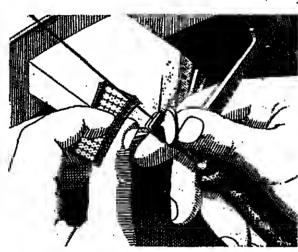
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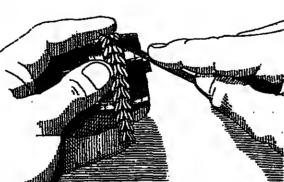
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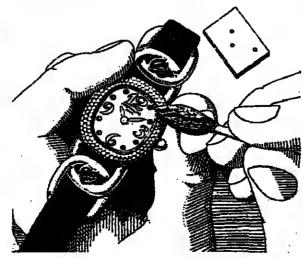
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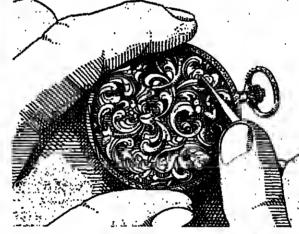
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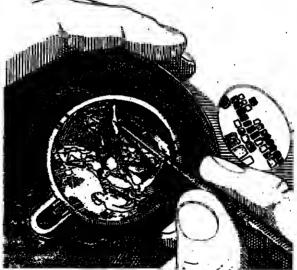
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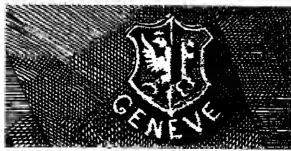
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INTERNATIONAL

In Mexican Party's Feud Over Murder, Salinas Accuses Former President

By Julia Preston
New York Times Service

Shattering many of the unwritten rules that bind Mexico's dominant political system, Mr. Salinas broke out of a nine-month that bind Mexico's dominant political system, Mr. Salinas broke out of a nine-month that bind Mexico's dominant political system, Mr. Salinas broke out of a nine-month that bind Mexico's dominant political system, Mr. Salinas broke out of a nine-month that bind Mexico's dominant political system, Mr. Salinas broke out of a nine-month that bind Mexico's dominant political system, Mr. Salinas broke out of a nine-month that bind Mexico's dominant political system, Mr. Salinas broke out of a nine-month that bind Mexico's dominant political system, Mr. Salinas broke out of a nine-month that bind Mexico's dominant political system, Mr. Salinas broke out of a nine-month that bind Mexico's dominant political system, Mr. Salinas broke out of a nine-month that bind Mexico's dominant political system, Mr. Salinas broke out of a nine-month that bind Mexico's dominant political system, Mr. Salinas broke out of a nine-month that bind Mexico's dominant political system, Mr. Salinas broke out of a nine-month that bind Mexico's dominant political system, Mr. Salinas broke out of a nine-month that bind Mexico's dominant political system, Mr. Salinas broke out of a nine-month that bind Mexico's dominant political system, Mr. Salinas broke out of a nine-month that bind Mexico's dominant political system, Mr. Salinas said charged Rail Salinas and implied he was supprised to learn that bind Mexico in that bind Mexico's dominant political system, Mr. Salinas said that his brother Rail is holding about \$105 million in secret European bank accounts and charged Rail Salinas and implied he was supprised to learn that bind Mexico's dominant political system, Mr. Salinas said charged Rail Salinas and implied he was supprised to learn that bind Mexico's dominant political system of the unwriters and implied he was supprised to learn that bind Mexico's dominant political system of

Revolutionary Party, known by the initials
PRI, which has governed Mexico since the
1930s.

The former president said he was no
on a visit to Cuba.

"My brother Ratil's deception is unacceptable to me," Mr. Salinas said, seeking to insulate himself from his brother's
Mexico to respond to any accusations. To that he was behind the murder in March

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Unable to Move, France Sits in a Jam Between Today and Tomorrow

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service

PARIS — History shows that often the French cannot think about the future before bringing the present crashing down around them, as Prime Minister Alain Juppé must have known before proposing to reshape the deficit-ridden French welfare state to fit 21st-century financial realities.

of paralyzing transport strikes that will not stop, labor leaders say, until the govern-"We must national health and pension systems and the deficit-ridden railroads. The govern-ment says it cannot give in and let them go

labor unions whose biggest claim on their members' loyalty is militancy, and an aloof resignation of Mr. Juppé, who easily surtinued to hitchhike, roller-skate, bicycle, government largely of technocrats.

Mr. Juppé tried to break the logjam Tuesday night, telling Parliament that the place in Nîmes, Lyon, Nantes and else-factories stayed open. government would give labor a say in redesigning the systems and making a na-

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The response from France's powerful tionally televised address to present his public-sector labor unions has been a series case to the people for the first time since the

'We must carry out these reforms now, ment withdraws proposals to reshape the and carry them out together," he said. "The situation of blockage and confronta-

of two cultures - weak and divided French marched in Paris in the largest demon- down postal service and some oursery

Assembly. Other demonstrations took and buses to work, and almost all stores and where around the country.

Two hundred to three bundred young demonstrators clashed with the police at his proposals Nov. 15. He said then that the the end of the march in Paris, turning over about a dozen parked cars between Trinity Church and Place Pigalle, and there were similar incidents in Nantes.

Union leaders have been urging employees in the private sector to join a struggle that has kept the Paris subway system shut for eight days and most of the national

vived a censure motion in the National walk, or take government-provided boats

Mr. Juppe's speech to the National As-sembly was the first since he initially made social security system of health care and retirement benefits would eventually go bankrupt without the far-reaching changes he proposed, including a plan to require most state employees to work 40 years instead of 37 and a half before they could

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In part, the impasse comes from the clash of two cultures — weak and divided French

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strike continues. With bus service, subways, and commoter trains shut down. there are more cars than traffic lights can

The French rule that vehicles coming from the right always have the right-ofway in an intersection combines with ego and overcomes any inclination to yield to common sense. Tempers fray, homs hlare, all movement stops, and vehicles lock at right angles until somebody volunteers to play policeman and help drivers untangle

Many French people themselves deplore

A similar logic produces mind-boggling gridlock in the streets of Paris while the week vacations, comprehensive free health week vacations, comprehensive free health care and generous pensions that it can no

longer generate enough jobs.
France is committed to reducing its \$59.3-billion budget deficit nearly in half by 1997 in order to qualify for participation in a common European currency that would otherwise be totally dominated by Germany. Mr. Chirac conceded that achieving the goal would mean two more years of sacrifice in a country where nearly 3 million people, 11.5 percent of the labor force, were unemployed, and many of them had been for years.

But Mr. Juppe said Tuesday night that France remained committed to the rendezvous with history that the achievement of a common currency would mean for all of Europe. Left out, he said, France would drown in deficits and start down the path of

NATO Opens New Peacekeeping Era

By Rick Atkinson

BRUSSELS — The North Atlantic Treaty Organization on Tuesday formally endorsed the deployment of 60,000 combat troops to Bosnia in a conspicuous display of unity.

At a meeting of alliance foreign and defense ministers, the first such gathering since 1966, NATO also confirmed the Spanish foreign minister, Javier Solana Madariaga, as its new secretary-general and announced additional steps toward

expansioo into Eastern Europe.
With a vanguard of 2,600 NATO logistical and communications technicians already deploying to Bosnia and Croatia, alliance ministers put their final impri-matur on the peace implementation plan pending the signing of a treaty in Paris on Dec. 14 and a United Nations Security Council resolution authorizing the operation, called Joint Endeavor.

"We say to the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina: We are ready to help yoo," the ministers declared in a joint com-

"Past differences can — and must be put aside. New forms of partnership must be built amoog you. We are confident that together we can succeed."

General George A. Joulwan, NATO's supreme commander, briefed the ministers on his plans for the 34 battalions earmarked for Bosnia duty.

The alliance also accepted General Joulwan's recommendation that military cootributions be accepted from all 14 oon-NATO nations offering to take part in the operation: Austria, the Czecb Republic, Estonia, Finland, Hungary.

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officers to participate fully in allied plan-

ning and decision-making up and down the

chain of command, in Bosnia and through-

Bangladesh, Egypt and Malaysia also are considering participation, which means Joint Endeavor could involve 15 NATO nations and 17 countries outside

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the alliance. Iceland, which has no army. the sole NATO nonparticipant.
Secretary of State Warreo M. Christopher described the operation as "a coali-tion of power and privilege" that is em-

barking on a "noble" mission. Defense Secretary William J. Perry said: "It's both ironic and wonderful that the largest military operation in NATO history will be to forge a peace and oot to fight a war. This is the moment of truth for

The alliance continued Tuesday to wrestle with the sensitive issue of apprehending people like General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serbian military commander, who has been indicted as a war criminal. Military planners have asked for "urgent clarification" of the matter, a NATO official said.

Several countries, including the United States, have taken the position that troops

Latvia, Lithuania, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Sweden and Ukraine. should not become a military posse but should detain any of the 54 Serbs and Croats indicted by the UN War Crimes

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Past military efforts to catch adversaries like the Panamanian military leader, Manuel Antonio Noriega, have proven

distracting and frustrating.
"It will oot be a core function to hunt down war criminals," said the State Department spokesman, Nicholas Burns.

Mr. Solana said only, "I think the in-ternational community has an obligation to prosecute war criminals." He will assume his new role in mid-December, replacing Willy Claes of Bel-gium, who resigned over a domestic arms

scandal. The ministers announced a modest schedule in 1996 in pursuit of NATO

expansion. Nations interested in joining the alliance will begin a protracted, individual dialogue with Brussels about their prospec-

tive membership, while the Partnership for Peace program designed to provide practical military links will be intensified. Although NATO has committed itself to enlargement - Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary are considered among the most likely candidates for new membership — no timetable has been

issued because of a desire to keep Russian

opposition from flaring into confronta-

Acting Secretary-General Sergio Bal-anzino noted that exercises with prospective members next year will "promote civilian control of the armed forces," an issue that a NATO official said had been far more far more of an intractable, complex problem than we at first believed.'



Chancellor Helmut Kohl being presented with a life-size Saint Nikolans cookie by members of the German bakers' association in Bonn on Tuesday.

GERMANY: Devotion to the Deutsche Mark

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France insists that it will not rejoin the single currency make white-knuckle sacfinancial penalties.

nance Minister Theo Waigel, who is acting to appease the German public. The result is that Bonn has gotten far tougher in pressing its neighbors to meet long-term national deficit targets than required under Europe's Maastricht treaty oo economic integration.

is weighing heavily on all of Europe. Germany is oot only the world's third biggest economy, a giant among its neighbors, and Western Europe's most populous nation with 80 million people.

Its currency, forged out of the ashes of World War II, has become one of the world's three anchor currencies, along with

German pride, of everything democratic and stable that followed the fall of Hitler.

As a result, if German domestic politics requires that the rest of Europe make sacrifices to achieve a single currency, it appears that the rest of Europe will be obliged

In October, when leading opposition Social Democrats began suggesting the idea of delaying European monetary union be-yond 1999, the taboo against publicly questioning the single-currency plan was hroken for the first time. Before that there had been virtually no German political debate

Uotil the Social Democrats talked delay, it seemed that if Europe were to fail to honor its timetable it would be because France failed to meet the single-currency criteria calling for national deficit levels that France is not yet close to achieving. That failure is still possible, but now it looks as though what will count the most is German domestic politics.

"We must have a discussion," Manfred Bodin, chairman of the Norddeutsche Landesbank and a supporter of monetary union. There is no point in

"Here we are talking politics and emo-tion," be added. "The Deutsche mark, for the German people, is more than just a currency — it is the country's reconstruc-tion. its dreams, the symbol of our self-

has become a political football in Germany, which means that if Chancellor Kohl is to sell the plan at home, the rest of Europe will have to satisfy at least two of Bonn's demands. The first is increasingly tighter fiscal policy after monetary union in a socalled "stability pact" that comes with severe penalties attached, and the second, central banking practices that will, in effect, clone the Bundesbank on a Europe-

however, by Mr. Kohl and his European partners as they meet first at a French-German summit conference in Baden-Baden on Thursday and then on Dec. 15-16 at the European Union summit meeting in Madrid. There, Europe's leaders are expected to make a series of pledges to honor

the 1999 deadline for a single currency, give it a name and agree on related accords based on the stability-pact idea.

pected the Madrid meeting to offer "mainly psychological confidence-building measures for the single currency plan.'

But the ultimate truth, as acknowledged in private by senior government officials in Germany, France and Italy, is that whenever European monetary union eventually happens, all of Germany's partners, including France, will become merely junior partners.

At home in Germany, however, the govemment wins applause from its citizens if it. raps its European partners over the knuckles and demands tighter policies aimed at making sure the new single currency is not weaker than the Deutsche mark.

'Mr. Waigel's attempt to strengthen the discipline among Eurocurrency members is a good idea," contended Horst Köhler, president of the German association of savings banks. "It will help the German people to accept the plan.

In recent weeks Mr. Waigel has said that Italy will not succeed in joining the currency in 1999. And he has led an informal drive to lohby President Jacques Chirac of France to jettison his promises to make the unemployment crisis his top priority.

European economic integration laid out in the Maastricht treaty. On Oct. 25, during a meeting in Bonn,

Mr. Kohl put enormous pressure on Mr. Chirac to change tack and slash deficits, French, German and U.S. officials have The German chancellor is said by some

diplomats to have warned Mr. Chirac that

be had perhaps only a two-year "window" in which to get French finances in shape and qualify for a single currency. After that, Mr. Kohl is said to have told his French counterpart he could not

promise that his successors would be as devoted to the idea of European coop-Mr. Chirac, according to French officials, had already been subjected to intense

personal lobbying by Jean-Claude Trichet, the French central bank chief, who is said to harbor ambitions to become the first governor of a Europe-wide central bank.
On Oct. 26 Mr. Chirac went on national television and did what Mr. Kohl and Mr.

Trichet advised. He dropped his emphasis on employment and promised to make the deficit his priority. Germany, however, did not stop there.

Mr. Waigel then imposed on the rest of Europe the so-called stability pact to require that national deficit standards be retained in perpetuity, and he said the aim should be annual deficits equal to just I percent of gross domestic product instead of Maastricht's target of 3 percent. The terms are so restrictive that they

essentially force European governments to forfeit their ability to set independent fiscal policy.

NEXT: The revival of Germany's defense

Germany Faces A Fraying of Its Political Fabric

By Joseph Fitchett

BONN - A pillar for Europe as well as for his own country, the extraordinary durable Chancellor Heimut Kohl turns out to carry a price: His ascendancy has largely obscured some emerging problems in Ger-many's array of political parties.

A system that worked remarkably during the decades of Germany's division is showing strain as it tries to channel political forces, including emergent nation-

alism, in the new Germany.

Mr. Kohl has dominated the scene so successfully for so long that he seems as permanent as a cliff or tree in a landscape. He may run for a fifth time in 1998 if he feels that he alone has the necessary force of conviction to ensure that German reunification is capped with tighter European unity. But Mr. Kohl — or any successor must contend with a fragmenting political scene liable to make it harder to find stable

governing majorities in Germany.

Initially, the shock of reunification seemed to consolidate the spectrum of parties. The two main parties.— Mr. Kohl's Christian Democrats and the center-left. Social Democrats - seemed confident of absorbing most of the 16 million people of the formerly Communist East Germany.
In fact, over the ensuing five years, the

Social Democrats suffered a dramatic decline in public support. The party's troubles have been both a symptom and a partial cause of wider changes in voting patterns, with the overall effect of making politics look more volatile in the fitting. In other words, Germany would become more like other democracies - and Boropean developments might well turn less pre-

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The Social Democrats' problems stem One of the most senior participants in the forthcoming EU summit meeting said in a private cooversation this week that he extended instead to the conservative Christian Democrats and now, increasingly, to the Party of Democratic Socialism, the rebantized Communist Party, which complains that Bonn spends too much energy on European unity and not enough on unfinished business connected with reunification.

Even many traditional supporters have deserted the Social Democrats in favor of the Greens, who have become Germany's third-largest political force. Moving beyond its 60s image of protest and ecology, the current leaders have modernized the Greens' radical approach to emphasis local initiative.

Their parliamentary leader, Joshka Fis-cher, seeks to broaden their acceptability and perhaps make them a prospective member

eventually of a government coalition.

That possibility can no longer be ignored because of the collapse of the Free Democrats, the big losers in the shifting political spectrum. A small pro-business party, it has been the swing party that enabled the Social Democrats or the Christian Democrats to form a governing majority over the last 15 years. They may fail to get enough votes nationwide to enter Parliament Instead, Germany wants France to cut its budget deficit to meet the conditions for Mr. Kohl could win an absolute majority.

His opponents see the election as an opportunity for a broad leftist coalition, so the Social Democrats' new leader, Oscar Lafontaine, has adopted a more radical tone. A potentially potent new theme is their open warning that a European single currency could hurt the interests of organizary Germans. Mr. Kohl's government has lambasted the Social Democrats' willingness to launch this theme.

Amid the growing uncertainties, with more parties vying for support among voters who appear to be shedding their traditional party loyalties, many pollsters and electoral specialists in Bonn predict that future campaigns will turn heavily on individual candidates and topical issues and less on traditional party machines - in short, a trend toward the style of elections in the United States and, to a rising degree, in France and other European countries.

7 on French School Trip Killed in Alpine River

GRENOBLE, France - The death toll from a school nature trip in the French Alps that went tragically wrong rose to seven on Tuesday after the bodies of four children were found in the Drac River, police said.

An adult who was accompanying the group of about 20 children was the first to die Monday when the river suddenly flooded, apparently because of a release of water from an upstream hydroelectric dam.

Two children who were injured in the incident died during the night, and fore others who were washed away were found. Tuesday by rescue services, floating in ess in the water.

It was not immediately clear whether French forces will now take part fully in NATO training exercises. The move is eminently sensible for volved in a NATO-led mission, it could have put lives at risk if France's comallied bodies that are running the oper-NATO decision-making will also have

out Europe.

from which France did not want to be

NATO — for example, by expanding the that a French-led operation would be comoumber of French liaison officers or ac-manded by the U.S. general responsible for

important political repercussions in Bosnia

cepting ad hoc consultations on crises.

A big step came in 1993 when, at GerNATO troops in warning.

NATO: France Drops 30-Year Gaullist Boycott of Military Structure

the allies in some areas in peacetime.

Although officials have not said so publicly, the French move is probably part of a package deal in which Paris has won some concessions about NATO's plan to set up joint and combined task forces.

Under this proposed arrangement, the United States will lend major military France. With French forces in Bosnia in-equipment - for example, aircraft carriers or cargo planes and other costly weaponry that France cannot afford by itself - to the manders did oot have direct access to the European members of NATO for missions where the United States did oot want to take part with ground forces of its own.

The proposal is widely seen as a major step toward reshaping NATO to cope with regional crises of the type that caused Western divisions over Bosnia. But France The change is significant because it has objected to seeing all such operations openly institutionalizes small, quiet moves come under NATO's integrated military that steadily improved French access to command, a phrase that in practice means

U.S. forces in Europe in peacetime and all

military committee and will again send its defense minister regularly to NATO meet- French-German corps, while the embryo of integrated command structure, but in praca European army, would be available to tice that system has little substance now NATO in a crisis and so would work with that NATO no longer plans for a total war against a foe the size of the former Warsaw

> For that contingency, the U.S. commander told allied governments ahead of time which forces from their country he wanted to use in a crisis. That practice, known as "earmarking," has little point in today's world of reduced armies and smaller

Now, in these circumstances, it could be feasible to find a compromise allowing the U.S. commander to play only a remote role that was comfortable for France or any other European capital that supplied the bulk of the forces involved in a particular mission and therefore wanted to retain

command of their actions. France's new approach aligns it with Spain, which also maintains its forces' formal independence.

Once that positioo no longer provides a starting point for political discord, it poses few military complications.

WEAPONS: U.S. Force Won't Go in Lightly

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Although NATO troops are entering the region under a peace accord agreed upon by all the rival factions, commanders plan

The army, borrowing for the worst and seek any advantage over an enemy, which in the case of Bosnia may include the harsh winter weather and the mountainous terrain.

We're flooding the zone with anyone or anything that has the potential to help," said one American general.

One of the biggest advantages any military can have is knowing the location of a potential foe. In Bosnia, allied commanders will get a big-picture view from Jand send back radar images of large troop movements, as well as U-2 and RC-135 Rivet Joint aircraft, which take phoused to photograph the cease-fire area in

the American zone. U-2 planes have been flying surveillance missions over Bosnia for much of the war, man for the 1st Armored Division. but for the first time will now transmit their information directly to a ground station in Vicenza, Italy, instead of waiting until they return to base in England, saving several

More than 70 army Apache and Kiowa helicopters will be equipped with heat-detecting sensors and video cameras that To combat system called photo-telesis that can transmit aerial pictures to a command post within 90 seconds.

To help pilots and other soldiers during night operations, the army has provided 3,000 pairs of its newest night-vision goggles to troops going to Bosnia.

face organized armies. The biggest threats pick out a person in a building or forest.

will come instead from weather-related Feud Over an Exhibit accideots, rogue militia, snipers, and an

The army, borrowing lessons from the Gulf War, is bringing special plows, rakes, and huge rollers that can be hitched to tanks and used to clear a minefield. The army has also dispatched 180 sets of body armor hlast-proof visors, shrapnel-resistant pants, and heavy-duty anti-mine overboots - at \$1,300 a suit, for specialists in mine re-

estimated 6 million land mines scattered

In the next few months, the army also plans to test remote-controlled vehicles that could be used to scout minefields and a STARS surveillance planes, which track special foam that would harden over a mine

and prevent it from exploding.

Every American soldier will undergo mine-awareness training at an army traintographs or eavesdrop on electronic trans- ing center in Hohenfels. Germany. "Permissions. Unmanned drones will also be sonnel are trained to look for signs of mining activities including dead animals, craters, hlown vehicles, and disturbed soil," said Captain John Suttle, a spokes-

The peace agreement calls for rival factions to clear the mines. But Serbo-Croatian-speaking civil affairs specialists will ask farmers and other residents where they believe mines are located. "We're going to chew up a lot of plowed fields." said one

To combat snipers, commanders will can monitor troops or equipment more than order soldiers to keep a low profile, conceal a mile away. The Apaches will have a new critical equipment, and throw blankets over windows. Using tactics honed in Somalia, the army is also sending in anti-sniper teams. Experts from the army's Sniper School at Fort Benning, Georgia, have trained 26 1st Armored Division snipers in stalking and shouting techniques. The army snipers, working in pairs, will use special NATO commanders do not expect to rifles equipped with thermal sights that can

FREUD:

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"How can they allow themselves to be so disingenuous as to say this is about money?" be asked. Mr. Swales said the exhibition was meant not to educate the general public about psychoanalysis, but "to force-feed

them Freud hy securing advertising space in a federal institution. The library chose to focus on Freud cause he "has made a decisive difference in 20th-century thought," said the exhibition's curator, Michael Roth, a historian

who is director of European studies at Claremont Graduate School in California. Even Freud's most avid defenders concede that recent scholarship has raised important questions about his claims to any scientific basis for his analytic method.

Freud said he discovered his psychological insights from listening to patients, but critics say many of his most famous case studies are bogus or willfully mis-

Some critics want to see Freud sink into

oblivion as a discredited hack. Others advocate a completely different kind of exhibition, one that might be titled "Psychoanalysis and Its Discontents," a survey of two decades of scathing criticism by contextualists, relativists, skeptics, deconstructionists, detractors and feminists.

The exhibit's organizers have invited critics to write for the show's catalogue, asking their advice on the look and text of the show and assuring them that, to quote from a library memo, the exhibit "is not about whether Freudians or Freud critics, of whatever camp, are right or wrong." "The interesting question," Mr. Roth

said, "is not 'Is it true?" but "What has it

meant to 20th-century culture?"

Thus, what Germans think about the mark

the U.S. dollar and the yen. The mark, however, is not merely Germany's legal tender. It is a symbol of

on the issue

sweeping it under the rug."

Now, the whole idea of monetary union

wide scale. All of this is likely to be played down.

CHRISTMAS IN PALESTINE — A shopowner in Beth-

Rabin's Killer Is Indicted With Brother and Friend

The Associated Press

lehem hanging a Palestinian flag Tuesday at his store.

TEL AVIV - Prosecutors indicted the confessed assassin the three with conspiracy to atof Prime Minister Yuzhak Ra- tack Palestinians after Israeli bin on Tuesday along with two troops with the from West of his suspected accomplices. Bank towns and villages moder.
The gunman, Yigal Amir, the Israel-PLO antonomy pact, was charged in Tel Aviv District Court with murder in the plans, the indictment said Yigal

spiracy to commit murder. breshees The three suspects were to Prosecutors asked that the appear before the court American brothers and Mr. Adam be Wednesday to hear the charges, tried before fince judges, said Mr. Adani's attorney, Zone, and the highest fine between Amir, who is not related to the managed. Prove Minister had been been a fine to the managed of the first beauty and the first a

On Monday, a military court indicted First Sergeant First that the daying of peace Schwartz, accusing him of broken. -muggling weapons from his. army base and giving them to cause you were aig

that Yigal Amir decided after mounting period. "You we the September 1993 Israel-PLO, manufered because you won." peace agreement to kill Mr. Rabin so that the accord would not your chest did not cut down the be carried out. It said Mr. finits of your labor - they only Amir's brother and Mr. Adam revealed them.

agreed to join the conspiracy.

Another indictment charged

Nov. 4 assassination. His broth- Amir asked Sermeant Schwartz er, Hagai, and a friend, Dror to steal weapons from an army Adam, were charged with con- base and give them to the Amir

e Amir brothers.

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The indictment Tuesday said marking the end of the 30-day

Explosion Damages Office Of a Russian Lawmaker

MOSCOW - An explosion

ripped through the parliamentary offices of an extreme nationalist lawmaker Tuesday. fellow legislators said. There were no immediate re-

Germans Outdrink

The Rest of the World

BERLIN - Germans outdrank the rest of the world last Mr. Lysenko left his office year, with the average citizen consuming 139.6 liters of beer. researchers said Tuesday.

Germans drank the equal of 11.4 liters of pure alcohol in 1994, the German Addiction

ports of injuries. The explosion occurred in the office of Nikolai Lysenko, the leader of the National-Republican Party, who is known for his outspoken far-

The Interfax news agency quoted Aivars Lezdinsh, whose office on the eighth floor is next to Mr. Lysenko's, as saying that the blast also destroyed a window and door, and broke through a wall, leaving a large

Mr. Lezdinsh also said that about 10 minutes before the ex-

Security officers of the State Duma, the lower house of Russia's Parliament, surrounded the site of the explosion, In-

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For Clinton, a Green Light for Loggers Cuts Both Ways

By Timothy Egan
New York Times Service

PORTLAND, Oregon — Loggers have returned to the old growth forests of the Pacific Northwest this fall, bulldozing roads into pristine areas and leveling 200-year-old trees in a manner that was illegal until four months ago.

The clear-cutting will damage rivers and streams, set back a \$1.2billion federal program to restore overcut national forests and could eradicate some runs of Chinook salmon, President Bill Clinton has said.

But, whether by bad fortune or de-

with gingham and baskets.

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TOPICS

Urban Rustic Replaces Urban Chic Hungering for comfort and simplicity, Americans are rev-

eling in things rural, Maggie Jackson of The Associated Press reports. They're trekking up mountains — or down Madison Avenue — in fancy hiking boots. They're decorating dwellings

everyone buys the gear first and then wonders what to use it for.

Many people are rock climbing, hiking, hunting or quilting. But

Sport utility vehicles" have been the fastest-growing seg-

he helped to craft. The act he recently attacked for its potential to cause 'grave environmental damage' is one he signed into law last summer, after initially vetoing it.

It has turned out, he said, to be far more damaging than he or many members of Congress anticipated.

The green light to cut big swaths of centuries-old trees came about because of a congressional rider to a popular budget-reduction bill that suspends all eovironmental laws in some areas of national forests in Washington and

sign, Mr. Clinton finds himself in the Oregon through the end of next year. saying the rider "would basically direct mentalists say the president already has odd position of criticizing somethiog The rider was promoted by Western us to make timber sales to large combetrayed them. Republicans as a way to cut fire- panies subsidized by the taxpayers."

But a single paragraph in the rider directed the government to lift all en-vironmental laws in a few areas so that some old-growth timber could be cut. The timber industry asked for a suspension of the laws, saying they were being used in court to virtually shut down logging in national forests. After Republicans took control of Congress

this year, they approved the rider. Mr. Clinton vetoed the budget bill,

the numbers of people buying into the country look without the life shows the strength of the pastoral allure.

After the ostentatious '80s, Americans seem to be clamoring for a warm, homey, outdoorsy look. No matter that it can cost as much as sleek did in the last decade — it evokes down-home goodness. At the rustically named Crate and Barrel, a North-brook, Illinois, chain, the accent is on sun-faded, soft colors, weathered furniture and fabric. The J. Crew clothing catalogue

is largely sport flannel, corduroy and plaids. Eventually, fashion experts say, tailored chalk stripes, silks and satins, will be back in vogue. "We always go through these cycles," said Christopher Cedergren of Autopacific Inc., a market research group.

ment of the automobile market for several years. Of course, not

Laden with bundles of lavender and wildflowers, hundreds of surfers paddled out to sea and joined hands in an ocean

scarred or bug-infested salvage timber After some changes were made — and promote forest health.

After some changes were made — changes that the president said would

provide adequate protection — he signed the bill with an amended rider. But a day later, the timber industry went to court, arguing that the crucial paragraph in the rider permitted unregulated logging of forest lands throughout the Pacific Northwest. A federal court in Oregon has agreed.

Although the administration says it was misled about the rider's intent, environmentalists say the intent was clear and by signing the bill, the president

risked the very thing he now criticizes.

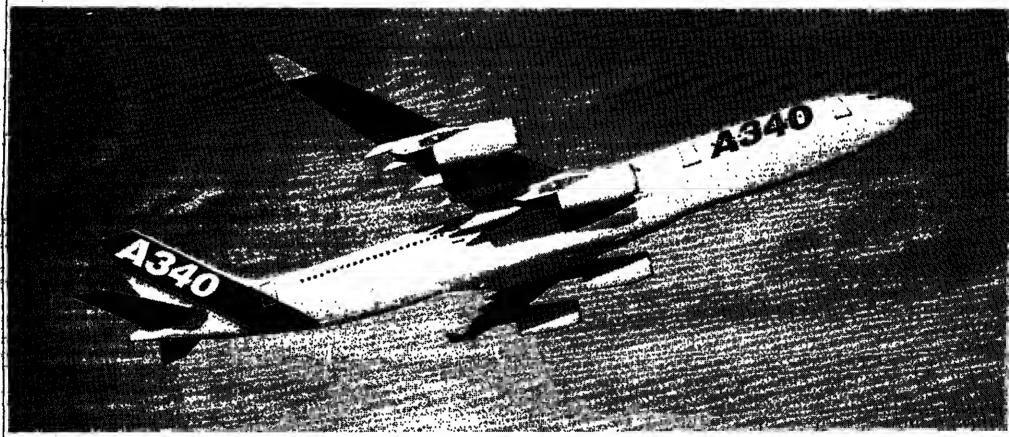
"The timber industry bought Congress and in essence got them to remove all citizens' rights, barring them from the courthouse door," said Tim Hermach of the Native Forest Council in Oregon. "To be kind, you can say Now, even as Mr. Clinton has embraced President Clinton was naive to go along environmental values as a rallying cry with them. To be less than kind, you for his re-election campaign, environ- can say it was stupidity or a cave-in."

> memorial for a friend off Santa Cruz, California. The ceremocy was a tribute to Beth Pitts, 19, who died Nov. 27 after hitting her head on a submerged rock while surfing. "This is the way we know how to say farewell," Zeuf Janiszeufski said, as she and other lei-crowned surfers prepared to take their boards into the water. Miss Pitts's parents paddled outrigger canoes out with the surfers to pour their daughter's ashes into the sea.

Elmore Leonard, the crime writer whose 15th book to be made into a movie, "Get Shorty," is a box office hit, is low-tech and proud of it. He says he doesn't even try to figure out the extra buttons oo telephones. He has oo fax, no computer, no printer, no answering machine. He has a typewriter, but prefers to write the earlier drafts of his novels the old-fashioned way. "Pen. Yeah, a pen," he says when asked what word processor he uses. "I've always composed longhand."

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Korean Housecleaning

South Korea is suddenly in the startling from fastening upon his own party's position of having two former presidents, both former generals, in jail. This is occurring in a country, a close American ally, that is a working democracy but still has a large military element to its political style. Roh Tae Woo got behind bars by disclosure, confirmed by confession, of his two-thirds of a billion dollar political slush fund. Chun Doo Hwan followed him in for his alleged role in a notorious sequence of an army mutiny and the bloody suppression of democratic protest

at Kwangju some 15 years ago.
The two men, let it be said, made their own contributions to South Korea's se-curity and to its political as well as its

economic growth.

Their falling oow suggests a huge shifting of assumptions as to what does and doesn't go on the Italian scale and model. Other parallels to the Korean experience may be found in the band of newly industrialized countries of Asia. President Kim Young Sam is accused of widening the investigations to include the Kwangju massacre to keep the public

embarrassments. Although South Korea's "entrenched government-business nexus has produced one of the world's fastest growing economies," the Far Eastern Economic Review notes, "the authoritarianism it requires - and the endemic corruption it produces - have steadily grown more intolerable to the majority of South Koreans.'

revealing and restricting the true money flows and to opening the economic sys-Korean democracy evident now. -THE WASHINGTON POST.

Budget Compromise

The White House and Republicans continue to bicker over the budget. The two sides remain far apart. The White House, although claiming to embrace the Republican goal of balancing the budget within seven years, attacks the Republican deficit-reduction bill for crippling Medicaid, food stamps and other programs for the needy. The Republican leaders accuse the White House of hypocrisy in cynically attacking the Republicans for their cuts while refusing to identify who would lose under White House plans.

The blame game eased a bit last weekend when Democrats and Republicans slipped back from rigid positions. Leaders of both parties began to gravitate ever so slowly toward a compromise plan put forth by a coalition of moderate and

conservative Democrats.

The coalition would, like the Republicans, balance the budget in 2002 and cut discretionary spending by almost 30 per-cent by 2002. But its plan forgoes all tax cuts, choosing instead to soften blows to Medicare and preserve federal entitlements to welfare, Medicaid and food stamps. The coalition proposes to lower inflation adjustments — in effect raising taxes and lowering Social Security beneffts — which will happen only if the president joins hands with Republican leaders in announcing collective support. For all its good sense, the coalitio plan

cannot pass the House, whose 73 freshman Republicans swear to pass a \$245 billion tax cut. That is the gap that the two parties must close. It will not be easy.

Over the weekend, leaders from both parties began groping for compromise. The Senate budget chairman, Pete Domenici, and his House counterpart, John Kasich, signaled that a smaller tax cut and inflation adjustment would be

The reform impulse io South Korea goes to opening the political system by

tem by freeing it of bribes so as to better integrate with the world economy. In South Korea there is always concern lest an internal focus embolden Communist North Korea to contemplate some adventure. In this instance, it helps that North Korea remains engaged with the United States in a broad negotiation on ouclear and other issues. Americans, maintaining strong support for Korean security, can only applaud the vigor of

acceptable, as long as the Democrats

simultaneously agreed. But even if the tax cut were reduced by half, the compromise plan would be more than \$100 billion short of balancing the budget.
The Congressional Budget Office will provide some relief when it issues new, probably lower deficit projections, which could reduce the need to cut spending by between \$30 billion and \$100 billion. After that, the options are limited. The Republicans appear unwilling to cut needless weapons systems out of the defense budget. The White House, playing to the elderly, appears unwilling to make doable cuts in Medicare. That leaves only

> the coalitioo budget already makes huge cuts in both these areas. The sobering truth is that Congress will be trapped into a vicious trade-off. Every dollar that Congress gives away in need-less tax cuts will be taken from heavily hit discretionary programs or need-based entitlement programs. Here is where President Bill Clintoo could display leadership by stepping forward to forswear his own \$100 billion-plus tax cut. In return he needs to insist that Congress preserve, at the very least, federal en-titlements to Medicaid and food stamps.

two places to find additional savings:

oondefense discretionary spending, and

entitlement programs for the poor. Yet

The best plan that will emerge from Congress will not be good. It will make unwarranted cuts in public investments in job training, education and research as well as poverty programs for the arbitrary purpose of eliminating the deficit in seven years. But the damage can be limited if good news from the CBO can be combined with new flexibility by Mr. Clinton and the Republicans controlling Capitol Hill.

—THE NEW YORK TIMES.

A Great Gift

giving comes the story of Anne Scheiber, a 101-year-old New York recluse who spent her retirement quietly turning a \$5,000 nest egg into a \$22 million stock portfolio. She then left the entire fortune that she had accumulated over half a century to Yeshiva University in New York, to establish scholarships for needy women students there.

'Here's a woman who for 101 years was childless and now becomes a mother to a whole community," said the president of the university.

During her life, Ms. Scheiber had no

direct contact with the university, or indeed with just about anyone except ber lawyer and stockbroker. Although she clearly had a genius for finance, she founded oo business. She bad no close family, and oo fricods. She had no projects, no charities, did oo volunteer work. She retired a half-century ago from the

With the season of holidays and gift- Internal Revenue Service feeling that her hard work there had gooe unrewarded because of ber sex. It was apparently that memory that inspired her bequest.

Ms. Scheiber's gift recalls the story of Oseola McCarty, the 87-year-old Mississippi washerwoman who earlier this year donated \$150,000 earned in a lifetime of doing other people's laundry to endow scholarships for black students at the University of Southern Mississippi. Both womeo lived simply and cared nothing about possessions. That may explain why they gave their money for opportunity,

rather than for plaques or buildings. Besides money, both women left a lesson: We can touch the future in many different ways. The childless can leave their imprint on the young for generations to come. The friendless can transform a community. The quietest can make a great ooise.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

Japan's Defense Dilemma

For decades, Japan has faced the dilemma of how to contribute adequately to its own national defense without creating a military force whose size and reach could be seen as threatening by neighbors that suffered grievously from Japanese aggression earlier this century.

It has kept its self-defense forces small and limited their mission to guarding the frontiers of the home islands. At the same time it has been happy to rely wholly on against external threats. Japan's new de-

fense plan, agreed to last week by Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama's coalition government, makes a few changes in the size and the mission of the armed forces, but its most notable feature continues to be forthright reliance on what it calls the indispensable U.S.-Japan se-

curity treaty. At a time when Japan is seeking a permanent seat on the UN Security Council, which authorizes peacekeeping op-erations, its divided government has barely rejected a Socialist Party move to ban participation in collective security efforts.

-The Los Angeles Times.



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The West Should Help Russia Shake the Old Guard

AMBRIDGE, Massachusetts — It will be no surprise if the Russian government is handed a stinging defeat in the parliamentary elections next month. The people are burdened by an unending economic and social crisis. They resent the staggering government corruption that has compromised economic reform and led to

several years of inflation and privations. Russia has always lacked a political tradition, even the rhetoric, of civic-mindedness. Few politicians even profess a standard of public service or public morality. Although virtually all post-Communist states have experienced cor-ruption scandals (largely because civil society is weak and still unorganized),

Russia's corruption is singularly deep.

One reason is that the Communist Party Central Committee, the breeding ground of much of today's leadership, was profoundly corrupt. Members enjoyed special access to hospitals, restaurants, vacation homes and consumer goods. They got kickbacks. In the Soviet Union's wanBy Jeffrey D. Sachs

ing years, senior apparatchiks converted pobtical power into financial stakes in the emerging market economy.

When the economic reforms got under way in 1992, Russia's vast natural resources provided unparalleled opportunities for theft by officials. Oil, gas, diamond and metal ore deposits were cominally owned by the state and thus by nobody. They were ripe for stealing - or for "spontaneous privatization," as Russians cynically call it.

The main method of legal privarization. a combination of selling and giving shares to the people, was amazingly honest when it involved manufacturing enterprises, although some managers later abused it. But when natural resource enterprises were privatized, the system was often skirted or compromised by ad boc decrees and hidden arrangements.

The biggest plums, the oil and gas

on sales, especially exports, but much of this income now flows to a few private pockets, creating shortfalls in the gov-ernment's budget. Until recently, government licenses to export oil were given free to insiders, at a cost to the budget of

billions of dollars a year. It is hard to know who owns Gazprom, the partly privatized natural gas giant, whose first chairman was Viktor Chernomyrdin, the prime minister.

The central bank gave cheap loans to newly private banks from 1992 through 1994. Many have been repaid but, because of low incompany to the course of low incompany to the low incom cause of low interest rates and high inflation, at a fraction of their original value. Many of the rubles loaned were converted into dollars in the black market and stashed abroad.

Western governments and international aid institutions missed their greatest chance for influence in 1992, when they failed to provide financial backing to the

enterprises, are worth tens of billions of dollars. The Soviet state earned vast sums contains a sum of the soviet state earned vast sums contains a sum of the soviet state earned vast sums contains a sum of the soviet state earned vast sums contains a sum of the soviet state earned vast sums contains a sum of the soviet state earned vast sums contains a sum of the soviet state earned vast sums contains a sum of the soviet state earned vast sums contains a sum of the soviet state earned vast sums contains a sum of the soviet state earned vast sums contains a sum of the soviet state earned vast sums contains a sum of the soviet state earned vast sums contains a sum of the soviet state earned vast sums contains a sum of the soviet state earned vast sums contains a sum of the soviet state earned vast sums contains a sum of the soviet state earned vast sums contains a sum of the soviet state earned vast sum of the soviet Because of the lack of outside support.

and poor economic conditions, Boris Yeltsin felt he had to compromise with the corrupt old guard. Most of the reformers were pushed from power, and by the end of 1992 the apparatchiks had seized control of the central bank and much of the government.

If a combination of die-hard Communists and rabid nationalists gain the upper hand in next month's vote, demagogues in the wings will be a step closer to power. In that case, before next June's presidential election, the West — with its now limited opportunities for influence — should try to provide effective, tactful support to the democratic reformers.

The writer, a Harvard economist, was an adviser to Russia's Prime Minister Yegor Gaidar in 1992 and to Finance Minister Boris Fyodorov in 1993. He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

A Nigerian Son Seeks More Than Just Tough Talk from America

By Hafsat Abiola

AMBRIDGE, Massachusetts — A year and a half ago, the winner of the 1993 presidential election in Nigeria, Moshood Abiola, my father, was charged with committing treasonable offenses against the Nigerian military regime and put in jail. His crime was declaring himself the iegitimately elected president based on results from the national electoral commission.

Last month the regime executed nine environmentalists, including the Ogoni writer Ken Saro-Wiwa; 17 others await execution. The Nigerian military

litical opponents, carried out a policy of ethnic murder — called 'wasting operations' -- against the Ogoni and dismantled every democratic institution in the country: 1,200 local governments, 30 state governments and the National Assembly.

The wholesale violation of civil and human rights of the Nigerian people is comprehensive and blatant. Human rights groups have documented the government's attack on the Ogoni people

has also jailed hundreds of po- and have criticized Royal Dutch/ Shell for its reliance on the military's intervention. What more is needed to justify concrete actions against the regime?

The Nigerian people cherish democratic ideas. Paradoxically, the major consumer of Nigeria's oil is the United States, the world's premier democratic nation. Perhaps it may help to consider that the president-elect of Nigeria remains in jail, his trial postponed indefinitely. Or perhaps it may help to learn that oil

It is true that the United States has denounced the actions of the military. It is also true that Congress passed a resolution recognizing the legitimacy of the 1992 election in which 14.5 million Nigerians voted and in which my father received close to 59 percent of the vote.

But these steps are merely symbolic when the United States continues to buy 44 percent of Nigeria's oil exports. Leading the world in imposing oil sanctions

makes up 95 percent of the of Nigerian officials would better regime's revenues.

Of Nigerian officials would better express American displeasure with the regime.

My father is in ill health. If anything should happen to him, it is doubtful that the regime's troops would be enough to contain the outcry. Please help forestall this crisis. There should be no ambiguity in policy. Democratic ideals are not meant to be bought off.

The writer, a student at Han vard University and son of Mos-hood Abiola, contributed this and freezing the foreign accounts comment to The New York Times.

Taiwan Vote Result Could Spell Improved Cross-Straits Rhetoric

HONG KONG - Taiwan's people have again shown more political maturity than their rowdy parliamentary behavior sometimes suggests. The precise meaning of the result of last Saturday's legislative elections will be interpreted according to individual prejudice, but most can take some comfort in the outcome.

The outcome seems to presage a comfortable but not over-whelming victory for Lee Tengbui in the presidential election next March. Looking further ahead, it may have laid the ground for a return to the more cooperative trend in cross-straits relations evident early this year.

However, in the shorter term Beijing, ever one to believe its own propaganda, seems to have convinced itself that its policy of threats has paid off. Verbal belfigerence will thus cootinue at least until the presidential elec-

Those on both sides of the straits seeking reconciliation will be able to point to the 13 percent of the vote (and of the seats) gained by the New Party, formed by those who broke away from the Kuomintang out of concern that it was too Taiwan-oriented and that its lack of commitment to unification was adding to crossstraits tensions.

In fact, 13 percent of the vote is hardly a stunning achievement, particularly as it was coocentrat-

with the New Party's showing in local elections a year ago, when relations with the mainland were not in the forefront, Many voted

for the New Party more because

of its clean image than because of

its approach to the mainland.
All the same, its showing is enough to make the Kuomintang a little more cautious in its es-pousal of a de facto "Two Chi-

na" policy. The main opposition Democratic Progressive Party, with 54 seats in the 164-seat legislature, may feel a little disappointed that it gained only three seats, and its 33 percent of the total vote was not its best performance. But, as the driving force of the Taiwan independence movement, the DPP stood to be the main loser in Beijing's attempt to intimidate Taitests and military maneuvers.

Its share of the vote went up compared with the last legislative election, in 1992. Its vote share showed that Taiwan identity is still a far more powerful force than the New Party's knee-jerk reunification instincts.

The Kuomintang can take comfort from the fact that it still bolds a majority, albeit a narrow one. Party division and indiscipline may at times make it dif-ficult for the government to push legislation through should the ed in the Taipei area where there legislation through should the is a high proportion of people of DPP and the New Party combine Mr. Lee for having neutralized

By Philip Bowring

mainland origin. It was in line forces from the far ends of the spectrum with disgruntled Kuomintang members. The Kuomintang has kept its

majority despite internal divi-sions, financial scandals, a depressed stock market and the barrage from China. It even regained the most hotly contested seat of all, in the central city of Chiayi, where one of the party's leading figures, Vincent Siew, defeated a OPP incumbent.

It is possible that more of the Kuomintang old guard, such as former Prime Minister Hau Peitsun, will desert to the New Party. Mr. Hau had earlier announced that he was joining an anti-Lee presidential ticket. However, although the New Party is ably led by Jaw Shau-kang, it has yet to prove it can broaden its appeal beyond its mainlander base.

a party has shown that it can command the middle ground in a more fragmented party system. This has been President Lee's achievement, and his personal vote in March is likely to exceed that of his party on Saturday.

He may now move a little toward mollifying the mainlanders to avoid giving space to the New Party, just as he neutralized the DPP by identifying the Kuomintang with Taiwanese. But these will be mances will be muances.

Taiwan independence advocates by seizing the center. That cannot be admitted, but it raises the question of where Beijing now expects its Taiwan policy to lead. The very hard line pursued in

recent months seems to have been sparked by Mr. Lee's visit to the United States — harmless though that was. It may be related to pressures on President Jiang Zemin from military men or closet left-ists, whose support he needs.

Taiwan has done oothing provocative. Its attempts to promote acceptance of the idea of dual-recognition UN membership, along Korean lines, are nothing new. Mr. Lee's visit to his old college hardly ranks with his 1994 meetings with President Suharto and the king of Thailand. Taipei responded positively, if cautiously, to Mr. Jiang's eight-

point document on Taiwan issued at this Lunar New Year. Although threats as well as offers of cooperation and appeals to ethnic solidarity, they were generally viewed as positive. Expectations were raised that progress on prac-tical cross-straits issues would come this year. In fact, things

were soon going downhill.

However, looking shead to the post-election period, there is reason for optimism. Taiwan will have shown that it is democratic and pragmatic. President Lee will have a popular mandate. He will know, if he did not already, that Taiwan's people are more interested in practical preservation of the status quo than in grandstanding that might threaten prosperity. He also knows that after the 1997 return of Hong Kong, Tai-wan will have to deal directly

with Beijing anyway.

Mr. Jiang, or whoever else is
Deng Xiaoping's successor,
should now recognize that Taiwan's people are not easily in-timidated. They have arms, money and even a few friends. A blockade would devastate China's exports and its global relationships. Mr. Deng's successor will need an achievement that gives glory and legitimacy, as Mr. Deng's legitimacy was provided by economic liberalization.

So it is not impossible that the recent banging of gongs and drums is not a precursor to war

but a prelude to negotiations that will lead to a formula for eventual reunification.

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There are a lot of semantics in the cross-straits issue. It is possible to conceive a form of words that satisfies the principle of reunification but makes it so distant and provides such interim international legitimacy for Taiwan as to satisfy all but die-hard Taiwan independence advocates:

It could be claimed as a national victory by Beijing and be accepted, if grudgingly, by most on Taiwan.

International Herald Tribune.

Chair Minches Tibetons

THE choosing of divine leaders is seldom left to atheists. In Tibetan Buddhism, finding the highest spiritual incarnations is a matter of the highest spiritual importance, involving years-long batteries of tests given to every prospective lama, the careful study of dreams and portents and, finally, the imprimatur of the Dalai Lama himself.

It is neither a beauty pageant

nor a lottery. So when the Chinese government declared last Wednesday that it had found the new Panchen Lama — Tibetan Buddhism's second-highest religious authority — by a drawing of lots, it was more than the latest slippery gambit in China's 45-year

It marked a worrying escala-tion in the extent to which Beijing seems ready to mock and even appropriate everything that is sacred to Tibetans.

The Chinese presumption in overruling the Dalai Lama, who had selected a different boy in May, is as absurd as if Fidel Castro

tried to appoint the next Pope. What makes the Panchen Lama dispute so important is that the ongoing chess game between the most populous nation in the world and a tiny government-in-exile is nearing its endgame: The Tibetans have already lost their country and much of their heritage, and now they are in danger of being stripped of their spiritual

- Pico lyer, commenting in 📳 The New York Times.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Tsar's Initiative

editorial]: Russia has so long been accused of having Machiavellian designs on Turkey that it is quite refreshing to hear that she is firmly opposed to any project which might lead to the dismemberment of the Ottomore Emment To of the Ottoman Empire. This important news is borne out by Russian action recently in regard to the Eastern question, and is undoubtedly due to the initiative of the young Tsar. He stated a few days ago at Tsarskoe-Selo that the Sultan should be given time to accomplish the promised reforms. The Tsar is reported to have disapproved of the demand for extra

1920: Riots Spur Deal

ionnaires in the Bosphorus.

PRAGUE — The relations between Czech Nationalists and the Slovak Republic have made a

marked step towards a Slav-Teuton working agreement as a result PARIS - [The Herald says in an of the three-day riots. During the demonstrations, German theatres were seized by Czechs and in them were given plays and con-certs entirely in the Czech lan' guage. Two German newspapers were seized and their publication prevented. In the streets, raiding bands closed all German stores and tore down signs in German.

1945: France Is Warned PARIS — Secretary of State

James Byrnes warned France that if she continues to oppose mea-German citizens of the Czecho- a central government took priority over French desires.

Washington's Special Counsel Glut

WASHINGTON — As an independent counsel, I have just wrapped up a threeyear inquiry into the State Department's search of Bill Clinton's passport file when he was a presidential candidate. The investigation found no criminality, just political stupidity, in the

Bush administration. It also found that there should have been no special counsel appointed.

Far too many special counsels have been appointed since 1978, when the Ethics in Government Act established them in the wake of Watergate. At present, four are looking into allegations of wrongdoing in the Clinton administration, and a fifth is still probing Ronald Reagan's Department of Housing and Urban

Development. The power to investigate and prosecute is the power to destroy. When directed against an official by an independent counsel, who functions outside the standard constraints of execuove branch accountability, such

power is frightening. An independent counsel statute is necessary for the rare occasions when constitutionality is threatened by the acts of a president or his close advisers, or when conflict of interest in the Justice Department is clear. The ed to investigate accusations in-Iran-contra affair and Watergate justified special counsel.

But determining whether lican, but my concern is not par-Housing Secretary Henry Cis-tisan. It is for the institution of neros did oot tell an FBI background reviewer the total amount of money he gave his former mistress does not.

By Joseph E. diGenova

make appointments of special prosecutors less common. The the executive branch is hurt. types of investigations should be sharply limited. Under the law, anyone can go

to the attorney general and ac-cuse a high-level administration official of committing a crime. The law says that if the allegation is "specific" and the allegar "credible," the attorney general must conduct a preliminary inthe prosecutor's vast powers. quiry that involves only volun-tary interviews of witnesses.

If the attorney general deter-mines that "further investigation is warranted," the appointment of an independent counsel must be sought. This is almost inevitable, given the limitations of the process. But if one is not appointed, career lawyers in the Justice Department can look in-

to the matter. In addition to the Cisneros inquiry, special prosecutors are looking into Whitewater, Commerce Secretary Ron Brown's financial dealings, and former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy's links to an Arkansas poultry

Since 1978 and before Mr. Clinton took office, 14 independent counsels had been appointvolving Republican administrations. 1 am a lifelong Repubthe presidency and the well-being of people who find them-

selves under the klieg lights, ormer mistress does not.

Mr. Clinton and the presidenecutor, contributed this
The law should be amended to cy have been injured, and not to The New York Times.

just politically. When the public is told again and again that the Justice Department cannot be trusted to investigate a matter,

And what about the emotional and financial cost to people caught up in the maelstrom? At great expense, lawyers must be hired, even by the most insignificant witnesses. The dire consequences of merely misspeaking, which could result in a falsestatement charge, are high, given Careers are held captive, families are torn apart and the men-tal and physical health of those

under investigation is put under strain. It is not unusual for people involved to lose their jobs. just when they need money to cover legal expenses. If, under an amended statute, an attorney general acted un-wisely or unfairly and failed to seek the appointment of an independent counsel in appropri-

ate circumstances, Congress and

the press would surely raise the

issue of accountability. Democrats who stoutly defended the statute when Republicans beld the White House now bemoan its application. The Republicans who criticized it then now defend its use. But the issues are too serious to be left to petty political maneuvering.

members of Congress from both parties and the bar should face up to the problem. The writer, a U.S. special pros-

partisan suffering, the president,

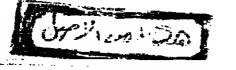
Now that there has been bi-

sures for centralization in Germany, the United States would be willing to establish centralization measures in the Russian, British and American zones, leaving France out. Mr. Byrnes said that such action would be regretted, but that America's agreement to set ?









OPINION/LETTERS

Hong Kong Business Elite Pays Obeisance to China

By A. M. Rosenthal

HONG KONG — At midnight on June 30, 1997, Hong Kong

Jingsheng was suddenly accused of trying to overthrow the whole Chipasses to rule by Communist China But for a particularly important elite group on the island, the future is just about here, arriving more swiftly every day. The members of this elite are moving forward just as swiftly to meet it.

These are the men whose power comes from the old fortunes and new business dynasties that under the British turned Hong Kong into a money mine. They believe that their commercial holdings will survive and grow in the rising Chinese empire as well as they did in the British empire that will vanish when its flag is lowered here that midnight.

The money elite knows that political freedom and democracy will swiftly dwindle under Beijing and one day disappear. A central reality in Hong Kong's life is that the new rulers do not try to hide that.

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The tycoons have examined the implications of Beijing's warnings - lectures to the press on patriotism, interference in the island's budget, a plan for a Chinese-run 'shadow' government to be put in place before the 1997 turnover. They have decided that economically they can live without democracy, "discounting" it as a bottom-line item. Pilgrimages to Beijing have become part of doing business.

But other groups in Hong Kong are not rushing to meet the Chinese future. They fear, for themselves and their families, the approaching destruction by Beijing of whatever democratic bulwarks the colonial British administration will have hurriedly erected by the time it leaves.

These are the people who have committed themselves to political freedom — intellectuals, union leaders, teachers, journalists and most of the elected representatives of the 6 million people of Hong Kong. They know that the only real bulwark for the protection of their political freedom would be the attention and action of the rest of China's major trading partners.

But these groups know from Western submission to Chinese Communist suppression of their own people, the occupation of Tibet and threats to Taiwan that the democracies will not be shields for Hong Koog.

For these believers in democracy, the worst news recently was something that did not happen when the imprisoned Chinese dissident Wei

nese government, which could bring life imprisonment. What did not happen was Western outrage. Nothing more emerged than limp

expressions of regret.

What did happen? When world leaders met with Mr. Wei's chief warden, President Jiang Zemin of China, they treated him with the fawning attention that has become their habit.

Who will be Hong Kong's Wei one day? Sometimes I heard that asked. What will the reaction of the

The moneyed circles dismiss democracy.

democracies be? I did not give an answer when it was put to me. But I know what it will be - limp regret. I held back because it seemed callous to dismiss hope when I talked with good men like Martin Lee, the opposition leader, and Chris Patten, the British governor. Both of them struggle in their own

ways to keep some hope alive in Hong Kong.
Mr. Lee represents the people of the island and will stay on. He is at odds often with the governor, who represents a dead empire and will go home the day the flag goes down. But both say the British should have given passports to live in Britain to the 3.3 million Hong Kong residents

entitled to them. Neither the British Conservatives nor the Labor Party

would touch it. China has signed declarations promising Hong Kong freedoms not permitted to the billion Chinese who will be their fellow citizens. I have met nobody who believes that Beijing will long pay attention to those declarations.

China will land troops in Hong Kong the day it takes over. Foreign journalists have already booked all available hotel rooms for the sight.

Hong Kong's people can have only one possible protection against oppression - economic and political retaliation by the West. And that they will not get, any more than did survivors of Tiananmen.

Beijing has already minted gold commemorative coins to mark the 1997 numover. They are engraved with the gates of Tiananmen Square. That is a message.

The New York Times.

An Open Wound: Remembering the Kwangju Massacre

MELBOURNE — More than 15 years have passed since the Kwangju massacre in South Korea, but not all old wounds have healed, or old scores settled, as the recent arrest of two former presidents with strong ties to the military shows.

Six months before the massacre in May 1980 - when between 100 and 300 students were killed by troops in Kwangju - Kim Jae Kyu, head of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency, hosted a banquet in the dining room

MEANWHILE

at the agency's headquarters in Seoul. The principal guests were President Park Chung Hee and his bodyguard, who also served as his adviser.

Students were rioting in the universities and on the streets. President Park, encouraged by his bodyguard, had decided to use troops against them to put down a nationwide demonstration planned for Oct. 29, 1979, three days after the banquet. The Korean CIA, and many senior military officers.

Park remained adamant, and after a violent altercation, Kim Jae Kyu shot and killed both the president and his bodyguard. A month later, 51 of the top South Korean

generals met to consider their stand on allowing more liberal expression of political views. Forty nine voted in favor, two against.
On the night of Dec. 12, General Chun Doo Hwan, one of the two chief opponents of

were bitterly opposed.
"You can't do it," said Kim Jae Kyu. "This sort of action brought down Syngman Rhee. If you use troops against the students, it will destroy you and the nation." But Mr.

reform, led a coup d'état within the top ranks of the military. Among those arrested and By Denis Warner

assassination was General Chung Seung Haw, martial law commander and chief of staff of the army. Altogether, about 40 generals were arrested or deposed as a result of the coup.

As chief of the Army Security Command, General Chun already bad wide powers. On April 14, 1980, he became much more powerful with his concurrent appointment as head of the Korean CIA, a post always held previously by a civilian.

The appointment was greeted with dismay by dissidents in Seoul and elsewhere. This became more intense when General Chun gave a background briefing in which he made clear that he would not tolerate the presidential ambitions of Kim Dae Jung, who had spent six years in prison after nearly defeating President Park as a candidate in 1971.

When news of the briefing spread, Kim Dae Jung, who had been urging the students to exercise restraint, now called on them to

continue demonstrating.

On May 16, massive waves of demonstrating students flooded the streets of Seoul and major provincial cities. The police acted with considerable restraint, using tear gas in preference to the baton.

Shortly afterwards, the martial law administration banned all political activity and arrested not only Kim Dae Jung but also Kim Jong Pil, president of the majority Republican Party and once President Park's righthand man. He had also been head of the Korean CIA and, like Kim Dae Jung, was expected to be a presidential candidate if and when elections were held.

The decree under which the arrests were made declared a nationwide state of emercharged with complicity in President Park's gency, banned all political activity, closed

the arrest of all people suspected of spreading falsehoods and rumors, whether factual or

Kim Jong Pil's arrest caused widespread astonishment but nothing more. However, in Kwangju and South Cholla Province, Kim Dae Jung's home territory, his rearrest was seen as putting an end to all hopes of demo-cratic reform. The province erupted in fury, and troops were ordered to quell the revolt in

Kwangju city. The martial law command used the special forces — the toughest and most ruthless of its troops — against the demonstrators. They went for the students with bayonets and knives. Kwangju became the scene of a brutal battle, with well-armed soldiers killing poorly armed, and even unarmed, students.

Despite the massacre, the military lost command of the inner parts of the city, which was then South Korea's fourth-largest, with a population of some 800,000.

Denied entry in Kwangju by the army

along the main roads, I eventually got to the city via a rough track through the mountains. Everywhere there was deep hostility to the martial law regime in Seoul.

In one village, where I had stopped to try to buy gasoline, a man said: "You have to listen to Pyongyang Radio from North Korea to learn the truth. Seoul just tells lies."

In battered Kwangju, people were afraid to talk. A woman came to my car and started to speak. "Shut your mouth, woman," said a man who pushed her away.

The students had taken over the former provincial governor's headquarters. There seemed to be no order, discipline or authority, only a mass of mostly armed and very youthful students milling about in wild confusion.

the universities "for the time being," tight-ened censorship of the press and provided for Japanese kamikaze fashion, wore white bands around their heads. Those who did not have arms had police batons seized during the fighting.

A mass rally outside the headquarters drew a crowd of thousands. They came on foot and by bicycle, packing the square.

The news bad just been received that Kim Jae Kyu and four collaborators had been hanged in Seoul for the assassination of President Park, and emotions were run-

A truce between the military and the dissidents in Kwangju, based on the return of all captured weapons in exchange for the nonprosecution of the demonstrators, had broken down when the latter asked for the release of Kim Dae Jung and the resignation of General Chun as head of the CIA.

It seemed obvious to all except the young and fanatic that the military would now take control as soon as it was ready.

Some days later, the army acted, this time with a well-planned and controlled operation. Student casualties were light. Perhaps five or 10 were killed before the soldiers regained control of the city, or at least that is what I recorded in my notes at the time.

Nonetheless, few people thought it would be the end of the matter. A young man, his voice trembling with emotion, said: "The Kwangju affair is not yet over. People will

Developments in Seoul these days suggest that they have not.

The writer, who has reported major events in Asia since World War II and covered the Kwangju uprising for Australian and British newspapers, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Speaking Out

Regarding "Languages in America" (Editorial, Nov. 28):

Freedom of speech, the most precious of rights, presupposes a com-mon language. If I get up on a soapbox and harangue the crowd in Urdu, I am not exercising freedom of speech but freedom of babble. Freedom of speech is meaningful only if the audience understands the message.

Let us also not confuse principle

with practicality. It is practical to allow people to take their written driver's license test in several languages, as is common procedure in the European Union, because we want to make sure everybody understands the roles of the road. But no European country would allow immigrants to

become citizens without proficiency in the national language.

A Citizen of Japan

Although I agree in principle with Hilary E. MacGregor's article ("Japan's Petty Apartheid," Nov. 21), her remark that "it is virtually impossible to become a naturalized Japanese citizen" is simply not true. I myself am of Asian origin and became successfully naturalized as a

Japanese citizen after nine years of living here. I could have become naturalized after five years, but for personal reasons I did not do so. Because I was born abroad, I

"breaks" that are now accorded to enough. That includes stocks, cash time again, but they are simply not Japanese-born Koreans. I had a stack in bank accounts and so on. This is true. of paperwork to do and I had to show not a hard amount to save if you live proof of all my assets. But that, as well as a couple of interviews, a call to my place of employment and a the United States. short visit to my home by a plain-clothes police officer were all I had

to go through. Being fluent in Japanese, written plan helps. and spoken, is more or less a requirement. But I was told by the authorities that, since I had not been educated in Japan, they would accept my essay on why I wanted to become a Japanese citizen even if it was far from perfect (in their words, if it was that of a sixth grader).

As for assets, they told me that about 2 million to 3 million yen did not get the many unofficial (about \$20,000 to \$30,000) was

in Japan and get paid in yen. It is like saving about \$10,000 to 15,000 in

As the article stated, the former is a

requirement if you live here, like Social Security in the United States, I do have private Japanese health and retirement plans. Unlike the United States, there are

no required textbook reading or difficult examinations for citizenship. Also, there is no requirement that vice to become a guarantor. one must be of Japanese heritage.

These are myths that I hear time and

In fact, the only pain in the neck

burdles were obtaining my parents original marriage certificate, as well as my birth certificate and a letter Having a Japanese government from my mother stating that I was health plan and retirement plan, an only child and that my parents as well as a private insurance were proud to have a Japanese in were proud to have a Japanese in the family.

Lastly, although finding a guar-

antor is difficult, there are ways to do so. For example, for most foreigners who obtain a student visa, the school becomes the guarantor. For housing, if one does not have a Japanese national willing to become a guarantor. then one can pay a professional ser-SEIICHI MANO.

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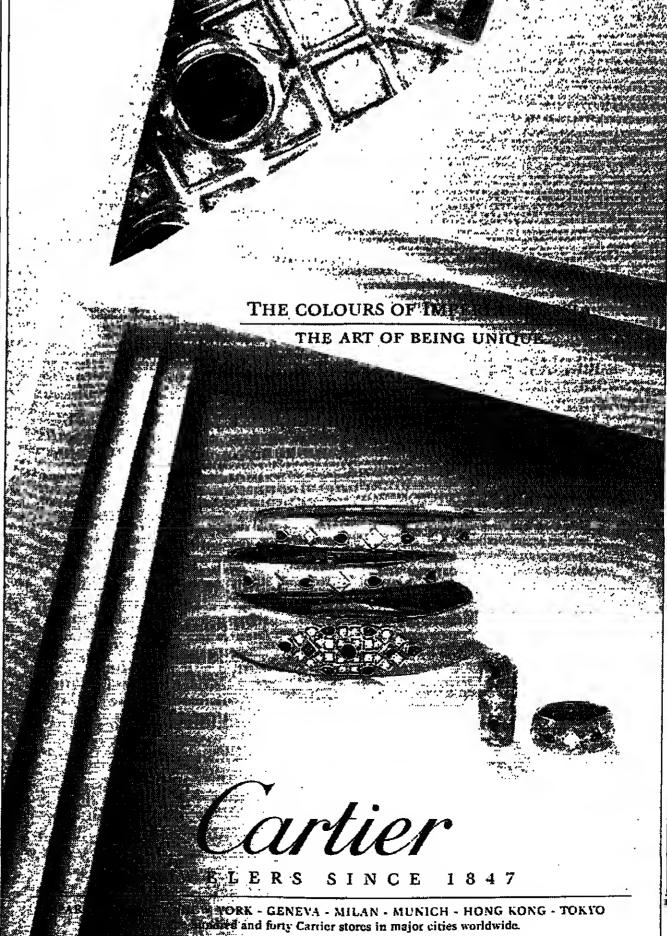
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No Offspring but Still Lots of Issue

By Sheridan Morley

ONDON — We drama critics are an ungrateful lot: We complain, with some justification, that even in a year as strong as this for new stage writing, the obsessions have been with Soho gangsterdom, poker-playing and other such all-male pursuits behind closed doors. Where, we ask, are the "state of the natioo" plays, the ones that David Hare might recognize as dealing with the broad issues of Britain as we fall toward the

end of the century?
In her new "Break of Day" (at the Royal Court), Timberlake Werteobaker offers us an entire shopping-list of social ills. Designed surely to play in tandem with Chekhov's "Three Sisters," her script tackles childlessness among the achieving classes the troubles or action has in change. classes, the troubles an actor has in choosing between his art and his overdraft, the collapse of public education and health care these last five years, the exploitation of Eastern Europe as a baby farm and, at the st, what right any of us has to echo Chekhov's fall-of-the-curtain optimism about a better tomorrow.

don't, which may be why Wertenbaker, italism? State benefits? The right of wom-once the most fashionable of Sloane en to work as if they were husbands rather Square dramatists, has had an unjustly rough ride from most of my colleagues. It is complete without a baby? All of this gets quite true that her first act uneasily resembles one of those BBC radio midmorning chat shows at which a trendy debate is cranked up around a table of psychiatrists of it, Werteobaker just moves on to another and welfare workers and social healers intent on making a living out of the age-old worry that we ought to be healthier and richer and happier than we ever are.

then that her play does catch fire.

One couple (Nigel Terry and Catherine Russell, as the actor and the feminist magazine editor) elects to go through the agonies of induced fertility to no avail; the star singer) chooses Eastern Europe, by the

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look of it Bulgaria, and the complex possibilities of adoption. This is where Wertenbaker moves brilliantly into Michael Frayn territory, as a couple of well-meaning if desperate Brits have to be

Along the way we also get some inadequate, sub-Sondheim songs to cover scene changes, and the lurking shadow of Chekhov since there is also a third "sister" here, a distillusioned schoolteacher angrily played by Anita Dobson. Nobody much wants to go to Moscow any more, but Werteobaker does, I think, want us to know Any of these issues might have made a play. The problem here is that all of them collapse of a regime. But which? Capthan wives? The belief that no woman is aired, as at a nightmarish Chelsea dinner party for the chattering classes, but as there is no real solution or radical addition to any rebuilt but totally closed playhouses. any of these people for more than about 10

Max Stafford-Clark's production is suit-But then, after the intermission, Werten-baker homes in on just one of these agonies, were it to be played in tandem with "Three lobster telephone and melting clocks."

the inability of two middle-aged, middle-class media couples to have babies, and it is and it seems willful to have abandoned it. presumably in the cause of economy.

Feminism, or at any rate the female-first movement, is also getting an uncharacteristically rough mauling from the Royal Court classics season at the Duke of York's. other (Brian Protheroe and Maria Fried-man, as a record producer and his one-time offer a total of almost 40 roles for men and just one for a woman, the avenging daughter who comes to wreak havoc on Freud in Terry Johnson's "Hysteria." Since this was first seen at the Court only a couple of years ago, "classic" may just mean a show for which they still had the set in storage and hadn't managed a transfer first time

But then the other two plays in this season, Ron Hutchinson's "Rat in the Skull" and (coming in February) David Storey's "The Changing Room" are also not especially characteristic of the vintage days of George Devine or Tony Richardson. We are not, I think, dealing with "golden oldies," so much as plays that a cash-strapped Court thinks slipped, ontil now, through the West End commercial net. And you can hardly blame them for the current policy: last week's budget cuts to the arts are devastating for a theater that oow has a lottery grant of £16 million (\$24.5 million) for refurbishment but the likelihood of having to ax op to half a dozen shows a year because the money cannot be used for any production budgeting. If this government doesn't get its arts policy together soon, we are going to end up with some handsomely

In the meantime, thanks to Henry Goodissue without ever making us care about man as Freud and Tim Poner as Dali in any of these people for more than about 10 minutes each.

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Aisling O'Sullivan as Jessica in Terry Johnson's "Hysteria" at the Duke of York's.

Beyond the Avant-Garde: Toshiro Mayuzumi and His Mishima Opera

By Christine Chapman

Kyoto, Japan's capital for more than 1,000 years (794-1868), a young Buddhist training for the priesthood set fire to an New York City Opera, the ancient Zen temple known as opera marked the 25th anniver-Kinkakuji, the Temple of the Golden Pavillion. The beautiful 16th-ceotury building, a national treasure, burned to the ground; the acolyte was arrest- and surprised the West. His suied, and the story of a man so cide was a protest against obsessed that he destroyed the symbol of his religious fervor, as he described it. symbol of his religious fervor. became the inspiration for Yukio Mishima's 1956 novel

Kinkakuji. became a play and a film, and a German opera commis- is not only one of laban's mos

Tokyo was oot until 1991.

York debut last October of "Kinkakuji" to Mishima, Sung with an English libretto at the sary of Mishima's death. Mishima's ritual suicide by

disembowelment at 45 on Nov. 25, 1970, shocked the Japanese "I can understand what be

felt he must do," Mayuzumi said. "It was chaos in Japan 25 Translated into English by years ago. Left wing, right Ivan Morris and published by Alfred Knopf in 1959, "The Temple of the Golden Pavil-

The 66-year-old Mayuzumi sioned by the Deutsche Oper and important classical composers,

premiered in Berlin in 1976. Its he is also the host of a long-first Japanese performance in running. weekly televised young people's concert that The composer, Toshiro was modeled after Leonard Mayuzumi, dedicated the New Bernstein's 30 years ago. Admired as a composer of numerous film scores in Japan and Hollywood, he is a political renegade as well, in his own self-mocking words, 'a right-

wing nationalist," a self-ap-pointed gadfly to the state. As a musician, he is eloqueot and forceful. During an interview at Tokyo's Internatioanl House, he explained:

'Kinkakuji' contains nar-

By Paul Moor

pan into a horrific shocker.

brief episodes and introduced a beauty, permanence and a belief tive and the psychology of char-

Japanese-style of melody. I employ the shakuhachi on stage as the main character plays it. It is the only moment the audience he only moment the sudience hears a Japanese tune. My tech-niques are completely western-ized, like my use of Schoen-berg's serial composition."

While the opera is musically Western, its philosophy bor-rows from Fast and West as the

rows from East and West as the

chorus, borrowing from Greek in the value of knowledge. He's tragedy, to provide the narra- got to destroy the thing he loves,

ive and the psychology of charicters.

"I knew Mishima as a close
friend for 20 years," Mayuzumi said. "He was a man of action. His suicide death was an artempt to change the world, at least to spur it by alerting the sensible population to the inconsistencies surrounding post-war Japan, the Constitution, the Self-Defense Forces, education, moral decay."

A believer like Mishima in

revising the "MacArthur Conrative elements that are also neurotic protagonist believes he lyrical. I have structured a can find release only by destroythree-act opera oo a sequence of ing what the temple represents:

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Naturally the described it, at the Conservatory of Music of Mayuzumi labeled himself "a Paris in 1952. There he studied three-act opera oo a sequence of ing what the temple represents:

feelings. The average, cultured person does not like to politicize himself. But like Mishima, I feel I should make myself

One way Mayuzumi has accomplished clarity is through an artistic about-face from being "an avant-gardist" during the 1950s to becoming a classicist whose music was centered on grand themes and Oriental aesthetics during the

After graduation from the Tokyo University of Fine Arts and Music, be became a student

cian. In Paris musique concrète, or electronic music, excited him and he was the first Japanese to compose it in

'Suddenly in 1959, I turned conservative. I heard the temple bells on New Year's Eve. They were so touching that I forgot contemporary music and began to study traditional music and aesthetics. I studied Shintoism and Buddhism, not only Zen but all Buddhism. Since I wrote the 'Nirvana' symphony in 1959, I have been a tradition-minded composer.'

His music is 'religious in a quent visitor to Japan.

ing," and in Japan he was con-sidered an avant-garde musi-selects themes and stories from selects themes and stories from ancient literature. Oriental philosophies, and the symbols of Buddhism and Hinduism. Among his works are the "Mandala" and "Samsara" symphonies and the recently completed opera "Kojiki" based on a sixth-century Japanese history. "The Record of Ancient Matters," compiled in 712, describes the beginnings of the country based on its legends and myths. The four-act opera will debut in Linz at the Austrian Opera House in May.

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onal Herald Tribune congeries of electronic and in-ERLIN - Hänsel and strumental sounds (including Gretel almost take one sardonic quotation from over the pre-Christmas Humperdinck's opera) serving

largely as a peg for Kresnik to hang the evening on.

Hänsel, wearing little-boy shorts, has reached geriatric estate; Gretel, although less diworld, but hardly in the manner on view at the Volksbühne am Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz. There Johann Kresnik, who calls his work choreographed theater, has translapidated, has become a stringyhaired prospective harridan. For formed gingerbread and marzitwo uninterrupted hours, matters pitalessly proceed from Grimm Forget about beauty in any

from birth, to obey an autocratic

to grimmer to grimmest.
The motif of hunger repeatconventional sense. You enter to behold at the edge of the stage a steeply canted sort of edly crops up; clearly, if only by implication, Kresnik knows onimprovised orchestra pit, with ly too well the appalling fate of uncountable children today 25 adults jackknifed into numbered cribs too small for them to lie in comfortably. Painted (think Bosnia, Brazil, Russia). hospital crosses and orthopedic One may also infer Kresnik's awareness of the psychoanalytbraces and bandages declare their injuries. Their regimenic interpretation of the Nazi tation includes even turning calamity: oppressive traditional over in unison. Instead of blan-German child-rearing methods kets they have metal sheets, (today largely jettisoned, thank which from time to time they God) that loosed upon the also employ, deafeningly, as world an army of adults drilled.

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The program credits Livio father's orders, without ques-Tragtenberg with the music, a tion or hesitation. Audacity long since became Kresnik's middle name. Since

the Berlin Wall's breach in 1989, the Volksbühne, in erstwhile East Berlin, has become a hotbed of Germany's great tradition for iconoclastic experimental theater. It seemed only logical when its management last season invited Kresnik and his company to join the staff.

austere sets) with her left breast to a witch. Harald Beutenstahl and Margaret Huggenberger, who alternates with Susana Ibáñez, get billing as the title pair. The witch's efficiency becomes ev-

also flaunts tradition by slink-

ing around, young and seduc-tive, costumed by Penelope Wehrli (who also designed the

is company to join the staff. ident when a huge baking sheet amuse; it combines Weimar Kresnik's witch in this pro- arrives with Hänsel rampant, Republic expressionism (e.g.,

Kresnik manifestly not only thinks, he also thinks hard. look at our world, and it hor-

ish creation --- which the starv-

ing children rip apart and de-vour. Krasnik implies that in

time Gretel will herself turn in-

Mary Wigman's pioneering dance innovations) with Antonin Artaud's "theater of crucity" to transform performance into a sobering, sometimes moving, occasionally powerful learning experience. Audiences and critics may like it or loathe Clearly he has taken a close it (the performance reviewed revealed no disfavor from an rifies him. His theater does not enthusiastic, noticeably young aspire to entertain, let alone audience), but either way it as-amuse; it combines Weimar suredly gives them something to take home and think about.

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duction (sultry Liliana Saldaña) transformed into a baker's gar-

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The Influence of Spirits ou the American Psyche By Joseph Lanza. Illustrated. 168 pages. \$18.95. St. Martin's

Reviewed by Christopher Lehmann-Haupt

DAUL CLAUDEL once remarked, "A cocktail is to a glass of wine as rape is to love." That may be overstating the case somewhat, but certainly the idea of a cockrail does not at first evoke thoughts of soft music and romance. The raucous noise of Spike Jones's "Cocktails for Two" comes more immediately to mind.

In Joseph Lanza's new book, "The Cocktail," the true mood of his subject is caught when he describes the dry, the Bagship of cocktails, as a "stiletto heel" of a drink. Or as Shane Leslie once wrote in the London newspaper The Observer, 'Cocktails have all the disagreeability without the utility of a disinfectant.'

So the "influence of spirits on the American psyche," as Lanza's subtitle describes his book, is bound to be tantamount to sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And sure enough, one of his keener observations is that during the most trying times of Hollywood censorship, "the cocktail evolved from a universal symbol of licentiousness into one of class and civility."

of Dashiell Hammett's novel 'The Thin Man' was housebroken for the Hayes Office. Nick (William Powell) and Nora (Myma Loy) had to sleep in helped by his tendency to treat separate beds and were forbid- metaphorical words as if they den to refer overtiy to sex. But had no literal meaning, as when

they still drank martinis before he writes that "antics had breakfast and continued, as Lanza puts it, "to fuel on them that would convey these days.

In fact, Lanza even says that cocktails became appealing in 20th-century America precisely when drinking them was made a crime. 'The dawn of Prohibition witnessed the miraculous obfuscation of sacred and profane," he writes. "The legal censure turned cocktails into a ritual of indulgence and absolution combined.

Substances once considered vile were soon gussied up in fancy glasses with omate com-binations of ingredients and tities." He concludes somewhat confusedly, "They got more mystifying and appealing as their legal standing grew more illicit and their manufacture and sale more tawdry.

As the image of drink soft-ened after Prohibition, the author argues, the cocktail grew steadily more acceptable. By 1948, in John Farrow's film "The Big Clock," Ray Milland was able to establish that he was not guilty of a homicide by proving that he was, as Lanza puts it, "at a bar getting grogged on Stingers when the crime occurred." His drinking proved that he was innocent.

At times in his analysis, Lan-22 - whose previous books include "Elevator Music" and Part way through that evo-lution, in 1934, the film version Philosophies and Misadventures of Nicholas Roeg" seems overcome by fumes emanating from his subject.

His clarity of expression is not

sparked existential anger"; that he is murkiest, you can understand what he is driving at. That in a chapter called "Being Had

(The Sociology of Drinks')," he is arguing that the more confectionary cocktails Times.

a "legal standing grew more il-licit," and that "a liquor ad's ice to enter." And that over the postthroughout the day to sharpen licit," and that "a liquor ad's ice to enter." And that over the post-their sleuthing skills." Martinis before breakfast! Imagine what sex and death." Still, even when culture has exerted a surprisingly sex and death." Still, even when culture has exerted a surprisingly powerful influence on everything from interior decoration to film, music and dress.

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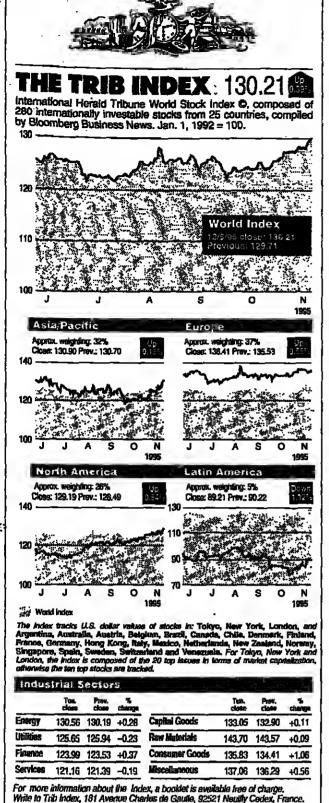
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Suez Plans Shakeup, Selling Businesses

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputch PARIS - Compagnie de Suez SA said Tuesday it would reorganize as part of a shift in strategy under its new chairman, Gérard Mestrallet.

The banking and investment concern said it would sell its insurance and fund-management businesses, reorganize its real-estate businesses so they were all run by its Crédisuez unit and reshape its management. Suez plans to sell Tellit, its

telephone insurance busines to Sun Alliance Group PLC; Suez did not disclose the price. It added that it had sold on the market its 2 percent stake in Commercial Union PLC for 630

million francs (\$126.3 million). Suez is also selling its 73.4 percent stake in the fund manager Finamgest to Société Générale de Banque SA of Belgium for 660 million francs. Suez owns 20.8 percent of Générale de Banque.

Since August, Suez said, its asset sales have raised 3.9 billion francs. Suez is transferring its entire

real-estate portfolio to Crédisuez, which is to merge with Compagnie Foncière Interna-tionale, acquiring real estate val-ued at 2.8 billion francs. It also confirmed that it was

cutting its headquarters staff to about 80 from 185. Suez shares rose 6.10 francs,

ta 187.50. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

Ferruzzi's Loss

Fentuzzi Finanziaria SpA had a loss of 225.6 billion lire (\$140 million) in the first 10 months of 1995 as it struggled to repay its huge debt, Bloomberg Business News reported from Milan.

The holding company, which has interests in chemicals, insurance, concrete and food, said its total debt was now at 1.98 trillion lire.

Last Big Bear Turns Bullish Salomon Strategist Shifts as Dow Jumps

By Floyd Norris New York Times Service

has turned cautiously bullish, concluding that "a fundamen- eventually burst. tal shift" in the way investors

'The powerful 1995 stock rally is not a bubble, but rather a signal that the valuation paradigm has changed for the third time in 40 years," David Shilman, the chief equity strategist for Salomon Brothers his old valuation methodol-inc., wrote in a report released on the strategist for Salomon Brothers his old valuation methodology, it is far below current Monday.

Mr. Shulman also turned more bullish on bonds, and his shift helped both the stock and bond markets rally Tuesday.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 37.93 points, to 5,177.93, its 67th record of the year. The yield on the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond finished at 6.04 percent, near a two-vear low.

A year ago, when there were more bulls than bears among strategists at big Wall Street firms, Mr. Shulman was hardly alone in his bearishness. But the others have since changed their opinions or lost their jobs, and be was the last of the holdouts. For a brokerage-house executive, whose opinions are cited by brokers trying to make sales, it is painful to be both bearish and wrong because brokers want to make trades.

It is an old Wall Street adage that prices peak when the last bear gives up and then foot." decline. Asked if he was concemed that he might be that last bear and that the market was therefore likely to fall, with him being cited as a determining factor, Mr. Shulman allowed that he had con- lar of future earnings. sidered this. He indicated in the title of his new report, ment was reminiscent of

Even in turning bullish, Mr. evaluate shares probably Shulman remained more caumeans that stock prices will be tious than many of his rivals, far higher than be had thought saying that his new valuation possible. saying that his new valuation method created a fair-value method created a fair-value range for the Standard & Poor's 500 index of between 550 points and 585 points.

> The powerful stock rally shows that investors have changed the way they judge value.

levels. On Tuesday, the index closed at 617.68 points, up

Mr. Shulman forecast that over the next year, the index would trade between 540 and 640 points, and he recom-mended that balanced accounts raise their stock allocations to 50 percent from 45 percent, with the bond allocation going to 35 percent from 30 percent. The cash ailocation was slashed to 15 percent from 25 percent.

At current prices, he said. "I couldn't jump in with both feet, so I jumped in with one

Mr. Shulman said the leap in stock prices this year was evidence that investors were no longer worried about inflation and were therefore willing to pay more for a dol-He said the market's move-

1996: Stock Market Bubble 1958, when share prices or Paradigm Shift?" that the surged as fears of an inalternate explanation for the evitable postwar depression NEW YORK — The last of market's rise remained what were finally vanquished and Wall Street's prominent bears he formerly believed — that it the dividend yield on stocks has turned cautiously bullish, was in a bubble that would permanently fell below the yields on corporate bonds.

He also recalled that in 1962, Benjamin Graham and David Dodd, two legendary market analysts known for their conservative approach, sharply raised their estimates of fair value for the Dow, citing investor confidence that the government would hold off any depression.

The next great shift in investor perceptions, Mr. Shulman wrote, came in 1974, when the reality of inflation depressed investors' views of proper valuations. "Instead of depression, the new trauma for investors became inflation," be said, arguing that now that trauma had been vanquished.

Mr. Shulman, far more than most analysts, has focused on dividends since he turned more negative on stocks at the end of August 1994, when the Dow was at 3,913 points and the S&P 500 was at 475. "I was right for three months," he

said, but then prices took off. The dividend yield on the S&P 500 — the return an investor would get from dividends if buying all 500 issues — had never before fallen below 2.65 percent without dire consequences. Now it is down to 2.30 percent. 'I paid a lot of attention to

dividends, and it has been leading me astray," Mr. Shul-man said, adding that his revised methodology placed far more emphasis on interest rates, whose plunge this year has buoyed stock prices. As recently as September,

Mr. Shulman stuck to his bearish view, citing six factors that he said had been associated with market tops and were

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EU and Spain Face Off Over Iberia Subsidy

BRUSSELS — The Euro-ean Commission said Tuesday it would take the Spanish gov-emment to court if it injected 130 billion pesetas (\$1.06 billion) into Iberia, its heavily indebted national airline, without the commission's approval.

But the government said it would go ahead with the capital injection at the end of the month regardless of whether it got permission from the commission, with which it has had a yearlong wrangle over whether the aid

Spain said it would start legal action at the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg — the same body the commission would turn to for mediation if the European Union's executive agency did not approve

the subsidy.

Iberia said the airline could terioration of its current financial situation" or to "put up. with labor tensions, given the anxiety of its 23,000 workers."

Iberia had a loss of 9 billion esctas in the first 10 months of this year. It lost 41.49 billion pesetas in 1994 and 69.7 billion pesetas in 1993.

The commission, which is responsible for enforcing competition rules in the 15-nation EU, has objected both to the amount of money Spain wants to inject into the company and to the country's apparent will-ingness to give aid without the commission's authorization.

The souring of relations between the Brussels-based commission and the Spanish government has stemmed from the commission's position that it would allow an injection of no more than 100 billion pesetas and probably much less.

The commission is under pressure from airlines such as Scandinavian Airlines System,

British Airways and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines to block the aid, which they say would give Iberia an unfair competitive advantage. The commission aiready faces a legal challenge from six airlines and the British government for allowing a state njection of 20 billion French francs (\$4 billion) into Air France last year.

The commission is trying to phase out state aid, but its policy has been to allow each airline a one-time state subsidy to help companies handle the intensified competition caused by removal of trade barriers within the EU.

The commission allowed the Spanish government to inject 120 billion pesetas into Iberia just three years ago on the con-dition that it would be the last such payment. Since then, however. Iberia's financial position has deteriorated. The company not continue to allow "the de- has posted losses for four years and has accumulated debt of 484 billion pesetas.

Theria has agreed to sell its 83 percent stake in the airline Aerolineas Argentinas to reduce debt, although a buyer has yet to be found. The improvement in its balance sheet after a sale would make it possible for the commission to approve a portion of the capital injection, the commission has said.

The commission was ready to allow Spain to inject about 75 billion pesetas to pay for 3,200 job cuts and to compensate the company for the effects of a recession in the early 1990s. commission and Iberia officials said. But Spain's industry minister, Manuel Eguiagaray, said that would be unacceptable and that Spain would "insist" on 130 billion pesetas.

The commission said it might reach a decision by the end of the year, although it said it had no specific deadline. (Bloomberg, AFP)

MEDIA MARKETS

Asia Leaps Into Interactivity

By Richard Covington

HONG KONG - For all the hype about the information infrastructure in the United States, it appears that Asia will end up being first to offer video-on-demand to homes

In Hong Kong, pay movies will be delivered directly to the home by the spring, and systems similar to Hong Kong's are either under way or soon to be tested across Asia — in Japan, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan as well as

in Shanghai. If the response in these diverse markets mimics that of Hong Kong, these trials should lead rapidly to interactive services.

Video-on-demand differs from other pay cable services because it allows the customer to choose and view a program at any time rather than when a supplier schedules it.

Whereas tests of video-on-demand met with a cool reception in Florida and Colorado, 90 percent of the households who took a sixmonth trial with Hong Kong Telecommunications Ltd. pledged that they would subscribe to the video-on-demand offering.

Asians populations are also poised to

leapfrog antiquated technologies and plunge directly into home shopping, banking, movies on demand, games, Internet access and the broad realm of interactive video services. One reason is that the region's continued

high economic growth requires local devel-opment of the information infrastructure. At the same time, Asian viewers are relying increasingly on home entertainment delivered by cable and satellite TV.

There is also an emphasis on expanding

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some governments, on restricting the content Special to the Herald Tribune

pouring into the region. The new interactive media offer ways to do both. With annual growth rates in the region exceeding 7 percent, governments are realizing they must tap into the information superhigh-

way to sustain these rates of expansion. Asians have the potential to leapfrog other markets because they understand how vital new media is to growth, " said Mark Anderson, Asian regional manager for Microsoft Corp.'s consumer systems division.

In addition, a relative shortage of telecommunications networks means countries in the region can create state-of-the-art networks at lower costs, bypassing outmoded systems.

Because countries such as China and India have such primitive telephone networks, they have fewer coaxial cable lines to rip out in going to the new technology. Asian countries have an advantage by-

passing coaxial lines and going directly to the fiber optic cables required for new media services," said Jeffrey Hardee, regional vice president of the Motion Picture Association. China alone stands to save as much as \$30 billion by installing a fiber optic network, industry analysts say. In contrast to the West, far more homes in

In China, for example, about 80 percent of the country's households have televisions, while less than 2 percent have telephones In India, the perceotage of households with

Asia have televisions than have telephones or

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CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES

Greenspan **Asks Stiffer** Bank Rules

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, and some top House Banking Committee members on Tuesday suggested a toughening of bank regulations in response to the Daiwa Bank Ltd. scandal.

Mr. Greenspan and Repre sentative Marge Roukema, Re-publican of New Jersey, said stricter audit standards for banks may be oecessary to uncover the type of fraudulent U.S. bond trading that caused \$1 billion in losses at the New York branch of Daiwa.

The Fed last month ordered the Japanese bank to end its U.S. operations within 90 days.

"We are considering a oumber of initiatives that may be implemented at an administrative level, especially with respect to internal and external controls," Mr. Greenspan tolda House of Representatives sub-

Ms. Roukema, who heads the panel, suggested Congress take another look at a regulatory relief bill for the banking industry, passed by the House Banking Committee this year, that eased some audit requirements.

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Rubbermaid to Eliminate 1,170 Jobs

WOOSTER, Ohio (AP) - Rubbermaid Inc. said Tuesday it

planned to trim its work force by 9 percent, cutting 1,170 jobs, and

The moves, part of a two-year restructuring of Rubbermaid's manufacturing and distribution operations, will result in a fourth-

a year. The company's stock ended at \$27.50, up 62.5 cents.

Rubbermaid said it hoped the cutbacks would save \$50 million

· Softkey International Inc. said in court documents that

Broderbund Software Inc., its rival in its bid for Learning Co.,

had failed to disclose a decline in growth in sales of certain

educational software maker, Broderbund's bid is \$560 million. Bausch & Lomb Inc. plans to cut administrative costs by \$50

million and freeze executive salaries as part of a three-year plan to stimulate growth. The optics company also said it expected fourth-quarter revenue from continuing operations to rise about 5

LSI Logic Corp. shares initially leaped after the company said

it would introduce a chip design that would enable low-cost

computers to browse the Internet. But the shares later fell back to

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Regulators Turn Up Heat on Microsoft STOCKS: Rally Convinces Bear

By Julie Pitta Los Angeles Times

SAN FRANCISCO - Federal regulators are turning up the heat on Microsoft

Late last month, the U.S. Department of Justice issued a round of civil subpoenas to Microsoft's competitors — this time the companies that design software for browsing the Internet.

Government lawyers - who have been investigating alleged unfair business prac-tices by Microsoft for five years — have grown increasingly concerned over reports that a number of Internet browsers do not work with Windows 95, the Microsoft operating system introduced in August.

Microsoft executives have acknowledged "compatibility problems" between Windows 95 and some software, including Netscape Communications Corp.'s popular Internet browser. But they insist it is

"It's not that you can't use a Netscape browser, it's just that it's not as transparent as it could be," Microsoft's senior vice president, Steve Ballmer, said.

"We strive for compatibility. We would not break someone's browser by design."

ATLANTA - Bill Gates, the chairman

of Microsoft Corp., said Tuesday his com-

pany's computer on-line service, Microsoft

Network, ultimately would operate as an

Internet site that computer users would be

said he expected the Internet to be the

able to gain access to for a modest fee.

Justice Department during this round of information-gathering are Netscape and on-line service providers including H&R Block's CompuServe and Prodigy, a coventure of International Business Machines Corp. and Sears Roebuck. The latest phase of the inquiry was reported Monday in The Wall Street Journal.

Windows 95 users can gain access to the Internet easily by using the Microsoft Network, an on-line service whose access software is included as part of the operating system. Competitors in that business have complained that by including an on-line service with Windows 95, Microsoft has an

unfair advantage The danger that Microsoft would dominate the on-line industry has faded somewhat as everyone involved in that industry including Microsoft — scrambles to figure out how to cope with the rise of the Internet. But since the release of Windows 95, competitors and consumers have complained that Microsoft was making it dif-

ficult to use a non-Microsoft browser.

On a technical level, the dispute revolves around a piece of software called the "Winsock," which enables Windows software to understand Internet protocols. The

Gates Sees Different Role for Microsoft Network

"This is a very new model quite dif-

Microsoft Network currently is offered

with the company's Windows 95 operating

system. So far it has more than 525,000

subscribers. It also operates a site on the

"millions and millions" of personal com-

ferent from the classic on-line services that

control their customers," he said.

Among the companies contacted by the Microsoft browser replaces any previously ustice Department during this round of installed Winsock with its own — which the company says is not an underhanded trick but merely a way to build a standard Winsock that all browsers can use once they are configured to do so.

■ Challenge to Microsoft

In a swipe at the dominance of Microsoft, three high-technology companies said they were working closely to establish a new generation of graphics software for the World Wide Web, the Washington Post

Silicon Graphics Inc., Netscape Communications Corp. and Sun Microsystems Inc. said the technology they were building for the Web would provide three-dimensional graphics and improved video as well as allowing people to manipulate the colorful images they see on the Web much the way they play with a CD-ROM program.
The Internet's graphics-rich Web, which

millions of people tap into every day, is widely considered the most significant and fastest-changing part of the software business. Wall Street is pushing high-tech company stocks up or down based on whether the companies seem to have a strategy for building business on the Web.

"The Microsoft Network will be just

one of many, many communities that will

He said much of the content on Mi-

crosoft's web site would be created by the

company but that it also would offer content

Money personal finance software would

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enhance its on-line capabilities.

again present. They included a new wave of mergers and acquisitions, corporate executives as cultural heroes, money managers as cultural heroes, giorification of equities in the mass media, academic articles that emphasize the long-run infallibility of equity investing, and a belief in the ability of new technologies to permanently change

society. But now, while conceding all those things seemed to still be present, he has concluded that was probably wrong.

Whereas he had been looking for a relatively strong economy, he now says there is greater risk of a weaker economy — an outcome that he says would reduce interest rates and lead to higher price/earnings ratios for any companies.

His stock recommendations are concentrated in consumer cyclical companies and avoid most issues in basic industries.

More New Highs Stock prices rose, lifted by expectations that the Federal Reserve Board would reduce imerest rates when its policymaking Open Markets Com-

mittee met Dec. 19, news agencies reported. Advancing issues led declining ones by a 4-to-3 ratio on the

New York Stock Exchange. The Fed may lower rates at its meeting this month, and that's what everyone is looking system for hospitals. at," said Alan Ackerman, se-nior vice president at Fahne-stock & Co, in New York.

porate financing costs, allowing earnings to grow.

But concern lingered that the

Fed might not make a move if Congress and President Bill Clinton failed to reach a budget

accord by mid-December.

That belied the price of the 30-year Treasury bond fall 10/32 point, to 111 12/32, taking the yield up to 6.04 percent from

6.02 percent Monday. "We have the concerns about the budget deficit and concerns whether or not we will get a rate cut," said Barry Berman, head trader at Robert W. Baird & Co. in Milwaukee. We've had this big move in the market recently and that leaves us a little vulnerable for

some disappointment. Burlington Northern Santa Fe was the most active issue on the Big Board, rising 11/2 to 82 1/8. Merrill Lynch has raised its earnings estimate for the rail-

road operator. Health-care, drug and household-product shares were strong as investors wagered that those companies would produce the biggest earnings gains in the first half of 1996.

Merck rose 11/2 to 631/2, Procter & Gamble rose 21/4 to 861/4, and Bristol-Myers Squibb rose

11/4 to 841/4. Value Health rose 2 to 2814 after the provider of managedcare programs projected earnings growth of 20 percent in 1996.

Separately. Value Health said it would acquire Medintell Systems, which markets a phar-

macy information management Acclaim Entertainment plunged 6% to 12% after the

maker of video-game software said its sales in the holidays shopping season had been far weaker than expected. (Bloomberg, AP, Reuters)

Mr. Gates also said the Internet would be Drawing a sharp distinction between Mi-World Wide Web portion of the Internet, the global computer network. Mr. Gates said he expected the Mithe key to providing home banking sercrosoft's strategy for the service and current Lower rates would cut coron-line service providers Prodigy, Compuserve and America Online, Mr. Gates and he expected the Mi-puserve and America Online, Mr. Gates crosoft Internet site to be traversed by vices in the future. In the near term, he said, Microsoft

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backbone for on-line services in the future. Duter users. products. Softkey has offered \$606 million for Learning Co., an

percent from a year earlier amid slower growth in Japan and NEW YORK - The dollar fell against major European currencies Tuesday as investors took profits while The U.S. Postal Service made a profit in the 1994-95 financial year of \$1.77 billion. The profit, the first since 1989, followed a awaiting the outcome of the general

strike paralyzing France.
Traders lacked significant economic data or other reasons to push the dollar up against the Deutsche mark,

especially with a general rejuctance to John Rothfield, an international DM at the close Monday, and at tinued to firm on government state-risk losing profits booked so far this economist at NationsBanc-CRT in 101.27 yea, down from 101.35 yea. ments stressing determination to pursue risk losing profits booked so far this economist at NationsBanc-CRT in year. The dollar also failed to benefit from rallies in U.S. stock markets.

The dollar meandered in trading against the yen and finished the session slightly lower. "In the absence of firm views, peo-ple are sitting on the sidelines," said

Profit-Taking and Year-End Caution Send the Dollar Lower

be out there," he said.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Chicago, "You don't want to put on a bet at this time of the year." The dollar closed at 1.4325

Against other currencies, the dollar closed at 4.9520 French francs, down from 4.9938 francs Monday, and at

1.1655 Swiss francs, down from 1.1679 francs. The pound rose to

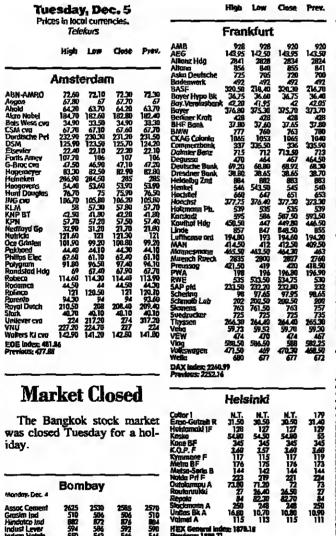
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MMS International said that while most currencies were moving in "wellworn ranges," the pound had started to show some independent strength, gain-

(AP, AFX)

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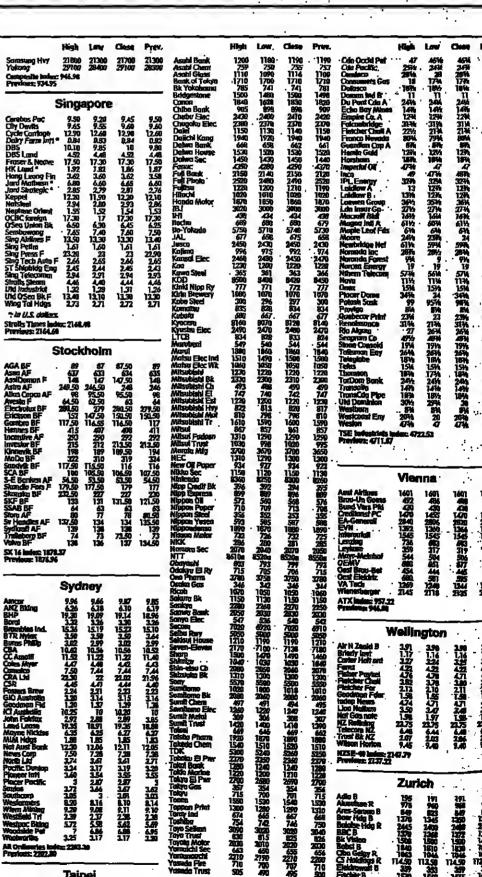
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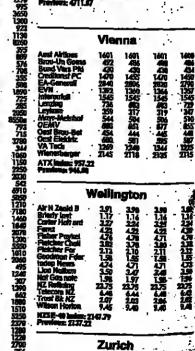
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LONDON - Racal Electron-

to buy Braish Rail Telecommu- PLC. nications for £132.8 million company a data link passing through most major British cities along British Rail tracks.

British Rail and its affiliates now account for about 80 percent of the optical fiber network's customers. But Racal said usage at present was only about 20 percent of the network's capacity.

In offering that spare capacity to other carriers, Racal would be a rival to other networks such as stake in Camelot Group, the Energis, set up alongside power British national lottery operatransmission lines owned by National Grid Co.

David Elsbury, the chief execurive, said Racal was already in talks with telecommunication year profit to be "significantly companies," including AT&T ahead" of last year's £58.3 mil-Corp. and Nynex Corp., that are lion. The company said the aceager to move into the British quisition of British Rail Tele-

"This network means we can be a carrier's carrier," he said. Cable & Wireless PLC's Mercury Communications and Vodafone Group PLC are already customers of the network, Mr. Elsbury said. Other potential users include British cable television franchise groups.

The purchase also means racal's existing managed net-deal for us and will give the communications networks of

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"There is a cost motivation (\$203.5 million), giving the there, but it would be indelicate to say exactly what kind of saving we can make," Mr. Elsbary said. He said Racal's acquisition of its own network would allow the company to make more attractive bids in government and private-sector telecommunica-

tions tenders

Racal also said Toesday that its first-half pretax profit rose 28 percent, to £30.1 million, on strong contributions from its tor, and from its military radar and avionics unit. Sales rose 5 percent, to £505.6 million.

Racal said it expected its fullcom, which will be paid for through new bank facilities, should help lift earnings in its current year.

The acquisition is the largest for Racal in the field of voice and data communications, its core activity that accounts for more than half of the company's

'It's an absolutely fantastic work business — which offers to group a good quality income manage the entire voice and data stream," Mr. Elsbury said. .. (Reiners, AFX, Bloomberg)

Next Target: Barings Bosses? Plea Deal Suggests Further Prosecutions | Holders of

By Richard W. Stevenson

LONDON - For Nicholas Leeson, the trader who was sentenced to six-and-a-half years in prison in Singapore on Saturday for his role in the collapse of Barings PLC, the case is now largely over. But for some of the executives who oversaw his derivatives trading at the British investment bank, it may be just beginning.

Prosecutors in Singapore, where Mr. Leeson ran the Barings trading desk, have provided few details of their investigation.

But their agreement to a plea deal with Mr. Leeson, under which they effectively dropped nine of the 11 charges against him in return for his cooperation, suggested that Mr. Leeson had provided information that could lead to further prosecutions.

No one other than Mr. Leeson has been charged in the case, in which Mr. Leeson ran up losses of \$1.3 billion trading securities tied to Japanese stock and bond prices, wiping out Barings and leading to its takeover by Internationale Nederlanden Groep NV.

But investigations in Singapore and in Britain have raised questions about how Mr. Leeson could have run up such huge losses without his superiors knowing of what he was doing.
In London on Monday, there were reports

that a Parliament committee looking into the Barings collapse would call three of the bank's former top executives to testify. They are Peter Baring, who was chairman; Andrew Tuckey, who was deputy chair man;

and Peter Norris, who headed the investment

banking division. All resigned in the aftermath

of the Leeson disclosures this year. A report commissioned by the Singapore government and made public in October said Mr. Norris and the head of the Singapore office, James Bax, had tried to cover up or most of which will be used for his legal divert attention from financial discrepancies expenses, and that contrary to widespread ru-

son's unauthorized trading. Neither Mr. Nor-ris, who is in Britain, nor Mr. Bax, who is in Singapore, has commented on the case.

In court in Singapore last week, one of Mr. Leeson's lawyers. John Koh, said that Mr. Bax and the regional operations manager for Barings in Southeast Asia, Simon Jones, had known of financial problems piling up on the books of the Singapore office.

Singapore has seized the British passports of Mr. Bax and Mr. Jones, forcing them to remain in the country.

"At one point, our client was encouraged to mislead the auditors," Mr. Koh said of Mr. Leeson, without specifying who had done the encouraging.

Mr. Leeson, who is now sharing a small cell with two other prisoners and is expected to serve at least three years before becoming eligible for parole, has been interviewed repeatedly by Singapore's white-collar crime prosecutors, the Commercial Affairs Department, since being extradited to Singapore from Germany last month.

Neither Mr. Leeson nor his lawyers have provided any details of what he has told the

The liquidators of the Barings Singapore office, the accounting firm Price Waterhouse, served Mr. Leeson's lead lawyer, Stephen Pollard, with a court order Saturday in Singapore requiring him to turn over all documents he has relating to Barings and to Mr. Leeson, Reuters reported from Singapore.

The liquidators, whose job is to recover as much money as possible from the bank's collapse, appeared interested primarily in how much money Mr. Leeson might receive from books, movies and other projects related to the

Mr. Leeson's lawyers have said he received about \$720,000 for the book rights to his story, that were clear warning signals of Mr. Lee- mors he has not signed a movie deal.

Pechiney Angers U.S. Unit

Compiled by Our Stiff From Desputche PARIS - France's sale of its majority stake in Pechiney SA, an aluminum and packaging maker, is angering some share-holders of its U.S. unit, Pechiney International.

Under the sale structure detailed Monday, holders of Pechiney shares and so-called preferential investment certificates get a free warrant; shareholders of Pechiney International, which is 67 percentowned by Pechiney, do not.

The government, which is disposing of most of its 56 percent stake, announced late Monday it would offer the shares to retail and institutional investors at 187 francs (\$37.47) each.

Shares in Pechiney went on sale Tuesday, but some analysts said the offering was priced too high, even though it was far lower than originally expected.

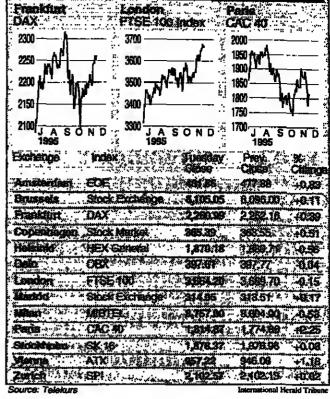
"I don't think it's fair that CIPs get warrants and Internationals don't," said Bob Jain, a manager with Barclays de Zoete Wedd in New York, referring to the preferential investment certificates.

Late Monday, the French government and Pechiney unveiled a plan that will leave the public owning a majority of the maker of cans for Coca-Cola and Budweiser. As part of the "simplification" of its structure. Pechiney is buying back the CIPs and the 33 percent of Pechiney International that it does not already own, offering Pechiney shares in exchange.

To raise 2.4 billion French francs in fresh capital, Pechiney shareholders, who include the French state, Banque Nationale de Paris, Assurances Générales de France and holders of CIPs, are getting a free warrant for each share or CIP. Four of these warrants can be exchanged for a Pechiney share.

A French Finance Ministry spokesman said, "Pechiney Intemational holders are not holders of Pechiney, so they can't expect the same preferential benefits as shareholders."

International Pechiney shares rose 6.50 francs, to 100.50. (Bloomberg, Reuters)



Investor's Europe

Very briefly:

The British government sold its remaining 1.8 percent stake in British Petroleum PLC to institutions for about £520 million (\$800 million) to help cut its budget deficit. The stake was the government's largest shareholding.

 Assicurazioni General SpA's premium income in the first nine months of 1995 was up 8.3 percent to 7.67 trillion lire (\$4.8 billion), and the company forecast its 1995 profit would exceed the 873 billion lire it made in 1994.

• BTR PLC, Britain's largest industrial conglomerate, said sales and profit in 1995 would be lower than analysts' estimates. BTR attributed the lower-than-expected performance to slow growth in the Australian construction business and the European and North American automotive industry.

• St. Petersburg is offering what it says is the first Russian bond issue opeo to foreigners since World War I. The city hopes to raise \$500 millioo by 1997.

 Bank Austria, the largest commercial bank in Austria, is holding discussions with Germany's Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozeotrale, also known as West LB, about a cooperation agreement that could include buying as much as 10 percent of the Austrian bank. Siemens AG's public communication networks unit signed a

125 millioo Deutsche mark (\$87 million) agreement with the Moscow telephone network operator MGTS to install 500,000 digital telephone lines in the Russian capital by 1998. Mövenpick Holding AG of Switzerland predicted lower full-

year net profit as it said 10-month sales fell 3.4 percent, dragged down by lower restaurant earnings.

 VEBA AG, the German energy group, called for the establishment of a European program to trim what it sees as excess refining capacity. Thorn EMI PLC's EMI International music subsidiary in

England set up a division to serve the market for multimedia products, including CD-ROMs, video and Internet products. AFP, AFX, Rewers, AP, Bloomberg

Bloomberg Business News "Porsche is a company with a lot of STUITTGART — Porsche AG said long-term potential and new models in the problem," said Hans Koenig, an interpretation of its current financial year and analyst at BHF Bank AG. "In the analyst at BHF Bank AG." In the analyst at BHF Bank AG. "In the analyst at BHF Bank AG." In the analyst at BHF Bank AG. "In the analyst at BHF Bank AG." In the analyst at BHF Bank AG. "In the analyst at BHF Bank AG." In the analyst at BHF Bank AG. "In the analyst at BHF Bank AG." In the analyst at BHF Bank AG. "In the analyst at BHF Bank AG." In the analyst at BHF Bank AG. "In the analyst at BHF Bank AG." In the analyst at BHF Bank AG. "In the analyst at BHF Bank AG." In the analyst at BHF Bank AG. "In the analyst at BHF Bank AG." In the analyst at BHF Bank AG. "In the analyst at BHF Bank AG." In the analyst at BHF Bank AG. "In the analyst at BHF Bank AG." In the analyst at BHF Bank AG. "In the analyst at BHF Bank AG." In the analyst at BHF Bank AG. "In the analyst at BHF Bank AG." In the analyst at BHF Bank AG. "In the analyst at BHF Bank AG." In the analyst at BHF Bank AG. "In the analyst at BHF Bank AG." In the analyst at BHF Bank AG." In the analyst at BHF Bank AG. "In the analyst at

Porsche Reports Interim Profit as New Models Rev Up Sales

as its new car models spurred a 14 percent short term, it is a very expensive stock

The sports-car maker did not say how much it had made, only that it had "black figures in our profit accounts" and expected the full-year result to be "a bit" better than the 2.1 million Deutsche mark (\$1,4 million) profit reported for the year ended July 31.

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with not a lot of great profit potential."

Mr. Koenig said he also expected Porsche's net profit to rise "slightly" this financial year, although profit margins would probably shrink as the company began to offer price incentives to gain a larger share of the U.S. market.

Possche said production rose 7 percent in the latest four months, to 6,000 Porsche "Now, in the current year of busi-

ness, we intend to achieve a similarly positive result, perhaps even a bit bet-ter" than in 1995, said Porsche's chief Porsche 911 models produced in 1995.

our plans are on target," Mr. Wiedeking sold now that the 928 and 968 have been said. The end of contracts to build cars

Still, Porsche has had a "dramatic increase" in new orders this year, Mr.

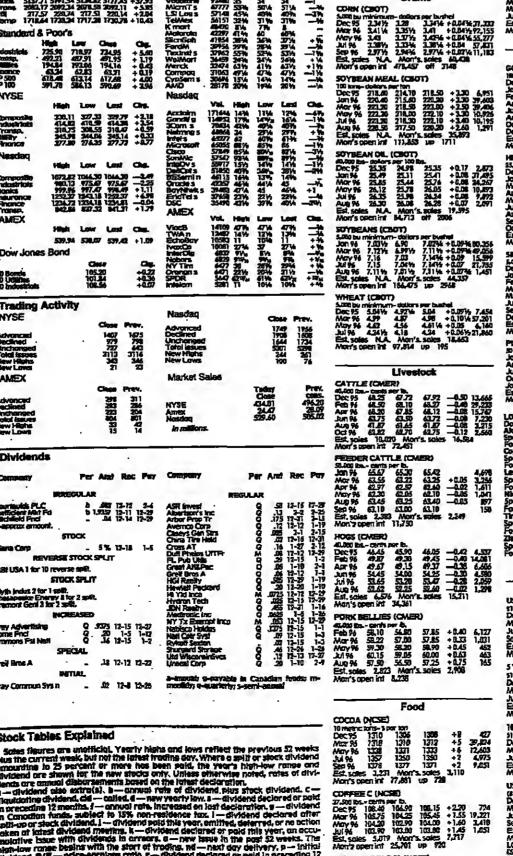
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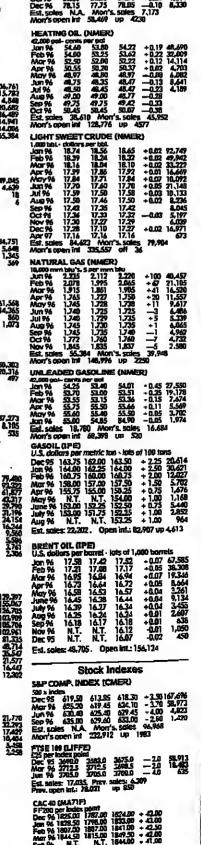
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Japan Expects To Issue Bonds to Deal With Deficit

covering bonds is the only way which would limit their respon-Japan will be able to cope with a sibility to the loans. possible 10 trillion yen (\$98.7 budget for the year to March 1997, Ryutaro Hashimoto, the losses than that," Mr. Hashimoto said. We "woo't hesitate to seek legal liquidaminister of international trade tion of the companies."

and industry, said Tuesday, It is very unlikely that the the largest lenders to the housgovernment will be able to cut ing loan companies, have inthe budget or raise taxes to cover the expected revenue short- the housing lenders, have a fall, Mr. Hashimoto said after a greater responsibility for them. regular cabinet meeting.

Hashimoto said.

Finance Minister Masayoshi Takemura said each ministry needed to cut spending requests by about 25 percent in the year to March 1997.

cause budgetary conditions in the period are forecast to be "in money stance, economists said. a critical situation," he said.

Asked about the resolution of veil Friday its quarterly corthe problem of finance companies' real-estate-related debts, Mr. Takemura said, "I think 6.2 trillion yen is the bottom line for clue to monetary policy shifts. the expected losses."

Meanwhile, Japanese banks will not absorb more than the kind of frenzy seen before the amount of their loans already outstanding on behalf of the indebted housing lenders, the as it turned out — that the cen-chairman of Japan's bankers association said.

Toru Hashimoto, chairman of the Federation of Bankers ing driven not by the real econ-Associations of Japan, said that omy but by the need to bail out the banks," an economist said.

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lapan at the moment cannot total of 3.5 trillion yen to their withstand a tax increase," Mr. housing loan affiliates, while agricultural cooperatives have extended 5.5 trillion yen.

Separately, a business survey due out this week may show the gloom in corporate boardrooms March 1997.

The cuts are necessary be
lifting, but nowhere near enough to make the country's

> The Bank of Japan will unporate survey, known as the tankan, which is closely watched by market pundits as a

But the survey, conducted in November, is not generating the previous survey, in September, when markets bet — correctly, key lending rate.

"Monetary policy is now bethem to share a greater burden. (AFX, Bloomberg, Reuters)

Hong Kong Calls Santa Colony Is Desperate to Revive Retailing

Hong Kong last week - in business class on Cathay Pacific Airways — he landed in the middle of the biggest retailing slump in five

St. Nick, also known as Lewis Barbato of Denver, was imported by Swire Pacific Ltd. in the hope that a "real" Santa - the 55-year-old man's white whiskers are genuine — would draw shoppers to its Pacific Place shopping mall. But many of the people roaming Santa's

Garden this week were not carrying packages. "People are telling me the economy is bad," said Mr. Barbato, dressed in red from head to toe. "But this is a consumer culture. I'm still amazed by the amount of buying that

This British colony is, after all, Asia's shopping capital, a city known for conspicuous consumption. Yet from chrome and glass malls such as the 780,000-square-foot (7,250-square-meters) Pacific Place to the neon-lit shops selling cheap cameras and suits on Kowloon's Nathan Road, consumers are in no hurry to buy.

Unemployment — now at a 10-year high of 3.6 percent — and falling real-estate prices are behind the slow spending.

"The Hong Kong retail market is dead." said John Hung, managing director of Whee-lock & Co. "All you have to do is look at the restaurants - you don't have to book a table anywhere - to see that people just aren't

spending money."

Last week. Wheelock's department-store chain, Lane Crawford International Ltd., said six-month earnings were down 50 percent, and

to pick up soon. "At least Lane Crawford is making money,"
Mr. Hung said. "A lot of retailers aren't."
Sincere Co., for example, posted a loss of
7.18 million Hong Kong dollars (\$928,000) for
the six months ended in August. Sales at the company, which runs five department stores in the territory, were pulled down by sluggish business at its new store in the Causeway Bay

Bloomberg Business News Hong Kong retailers have the added burden HONG KONG — When Santa Claus flew to of some of the highest commercial rents in the

USA & Co. was a three-store chain that sold American foods such as Pepperidge Farm cookies and Skippy peanut butter to expatriates. It shut its doors this year, partly a victim of high rents. In the Galleria, an upscale shopping arcade in the Central business district, many shops are now boarded over.

"We're in a downturn, recession or worse," said Rodney Miles, chairman of the Retail Management Association, which represents the territory's retailers. "The outlook for 1996: Awful .

It is hard to tell exactly how bad things are yet, as Hong Kong's Christmas shoppers do oot start to turn out in force until mid-December, and Hong Kong retailers do not disclose month-by-month sales figures. Plenty of anecdotal evidence, though, suggests the holiday season will be like the rest of 1995.

Toy chains such as Toys 'R' Us Inc. are expected to be hurt by an absence this year of 'must-have' toys.
"The thing about this Christmas is that there

aren't any really hot items," said Joe Tang, general manager of the 40,000-square-foot Toys 'R' Us in Tsim Sha Tsui, across the bay from the island of Hong Kong. The drop in consumer spending — which accounts for about two-thirds of Hong Kong's

economy - plagues what was once one of Asia's fastest-growing economies. It is expected to grow only 5 percent this year, its slowest rate in five years.

Back at Pacific Place, meanwhile, Mr. Bar-

Mr. Hung said he was not expecting business bato reigns over a grove of more than 100 to pick up soon.

Christmas trees and a troop of mechanized elves and reindeer. For a 50 dollar ticket, kids get a photo with Santa and a gift valued at 65 dollars or more.

It is not cheap for the mall, but at least it is getting the customers to come in, if not free up their wallets.

"It's too early to say how the season will said Paul Husband, marketing manager at the mall.

Reliance Will Keep Its Listing

Bloombers Business News BOMBAY - Reliance Industries Ltd., India's largest private company, said Tuesday it had agreed, at the request of the stock exchange, not to seek a delisting of its stock.

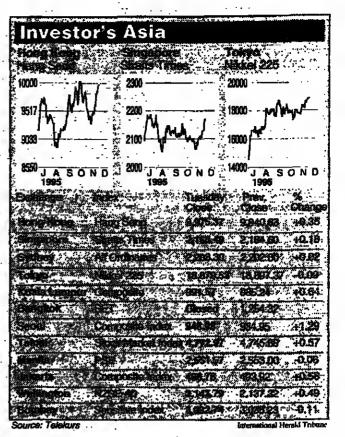
"Our board of directors has met and decided to accede to your request that the matter he not pursued, even though we are advised there exist in law sufficient grounds to do so." the company said in a letter to the Bombay Stock Exchange.

The Bombay exchange re-fused on Monday to accept Reliance's request for delisting and asked the company to reconsider the move "in the larger interest of investors."

Reliance sought delisting after the Bombay exchange suspended trading in its stock for three days last month. The ex-change said the company had wrongly issued 40,000 duplicate shares to investors. Reliance said it had done oothing wrong and had followed all the rules in issuing the replacement shares.

Reliance, which has the largest weighting, at 11 percent, in the 30-share Bombay index, is the country's most heavily traded stock. Its shares fell 21.80 rupees (62 cents) Tuesday, to 208.50. The Sensitive Index ended 3.49 points lower, at 3,032.74

Brokers feared a delisting of Reliance would render the index meaningless. But some said a delisting would not have made a difference to international investors because they would have been able to trade in Reliance on the National Stock Exchange.



Very briefly:

 Taiwan's consumer price index rose 4.24 percent in November from a year earlier, the biggest increase since June, lifted by higher costs for food and clothing.

• Acer Inc.'s sales in November surged to 8.3 billion Taiwan dollars (\$303 million) from 4.1 billion dollars a year ago amid strong worldwide demand for its computers.

 Broken Hill Pty. reorganized its senior management, adding 27 corporate and group general managers and combining operations in the minerals division into three major groups.

• Malaysia Mining Corp. and a private Malaysian firm, Bunduon Sdn., signed an agreement with the government of Laos to explore for minerals in the country.

· China will choose a batch of large and medium-sized companies to issue B shares to foreigners after the newly adopted Bshare regulations are implemented.

 Microsoft Corp. released a Chinese version of its Windows95 software, although some computer stores said the new program may not be available soon.

· Société Carrefour, a French retailer, opened a 4,000-squaremeter (43,000-square-foot) store in China.

 LM Ericsson AB signed contracts valued at \$240 million with Gnadong Mobile Corp. to expand the Chinese company's analogue and digital mobile cellular networks.

• Price Waterhouse said China's ban on foreign investment in its telephone service industry could make the nation one of Asia's least attractive business locations.

 Toshiba Corp. developed a low-cost multimedia server system that makes it possible to distribute motion pictures and data to 240 subscribers at the same time on an on-demand basis.

 TTC Ltd. is thought to have overstated its pretax profit for the six months ended in September by about 630 million rupees (\$18 million), the Business Standard reported. Remers, AFX, Bloomberg

TV: Asia's Economic Boom Sparks Its Leap Into Interactive Television

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telephones is eveo smaller.

expand the less developed cable and telephony systems," said Susan Schoenfeld, president of Advisors for International Media Asia, a research firm based in Hong Kong, "This is one of the obvious strengths of multimedia and interactive services."

"Television can be used as a means to

sat furning through a three-hour traffic snarl in Bangkok, Hong Kong or Manila can races via interactive TV. testify to how ripe the region is for home

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> Among urban professionals in the region, there is great openness to the latest technology, more perhaps than in the West.

Foster's to Battle Tsingtao

SYDNEY - Foster's Brewing Group Ltd. took aim Tuesday at China's largest brewer, Tsingtao Brewery Co., with plans to launch its China-produced beer brands in export markets.

Foster's said it planned to begin by selling two of its Chinese brands in the United States, with shipments of its Shanghai Beer brand to begin shortly, followed by its Great Wall brand about six

Ted Kunkel, Foster's chief executive, said it was difficult to phasis on home entertainment because they have so few opportunities outside and so little recreation time," said Wanda Ho.

"Once a new technology comes in, it exploses for the regional develop national Chinese beer brands because of the regional nature of the Chinese beer market. But he said exports to the United States would give Foster's Chinese brands wider recognition.

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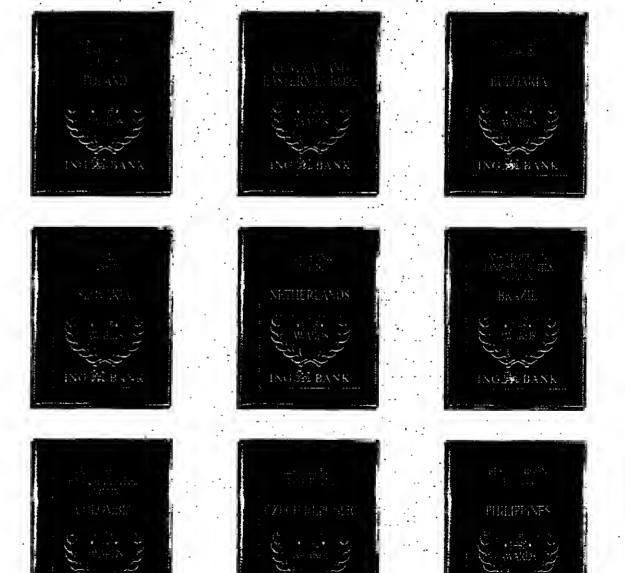
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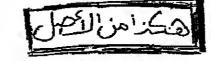
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In Athens For Business

THE ACROPOLIS, THE Parthenon that tops it, the glory that was... One doesn't have to be a classical scholar in know that Athens (and Rome) helped to shape the Western warld, its languages and its philosophies. But consider Athens today. Is it a manument to ancient glory nr merely a grubhy, 20th-century metropolis? The answer, a little nf both.

Dan't canfuse pulluted Athens with Greece, however. Most of the mainland and the 2,000-odd islands re-main beautiful and unspniled. History is around many corners. Early civiliza-tions date from at least 5000

Greek and Rnman civilizatinns and history are deeply intertwined, hut ancient Greece never achieved political unity as Rome did. and over the centuries that weakness made its penples prey tn many invaders. This enriched Greek culture, but to this day central gavernment remains relatively in-

In 1967, a group nf colnnels overthrew the civilian gnvernment of King Constantine II and established a military dictatnrship. After failing to pull off a counter coup d'etat. Cnnstantine went intn exile, and the cninnels later abolished the monarchy. In the following year, the military turned nver power tn civilians, in part because the country was becoming ungavernable. A new constitution adopted in 1975 made Greece a republic, with a president as head of state and a prime minister as head of government.

Greece's political travails were far from over, however. The Socialist government of Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou, which came to power in 1981, lurched from crisis to crisis and scandal to scandal in the late 1980s, and in 1989 lost its parliamentary majority in a general election. The political peodulum swung to the right and enabled veteran politician Constantine Mitsotakis, head of the New Democracy Party, to become premier. His was a three-year "stabi-lizatioo program." tnugh nally, it proved too tough and the vnters swept Papandrenu and his Panhellenic Socialist Movement back intn power in 1993. No nne thought he could come hack, but he has outlasted - and outlived - many of his nppooeots, partly through the support of his new, ynung wife.

At a Glance

The hub of Athens life is wedged between the Acropolis to the southwest and the little conical mnuntain to the nnrtheast. Lycabettus. Rnughly equidistant he-tween them is Syntagme (Constitution) Square, with its sidewalk cafés facing the nld royal palace, now the Parliament Building.

Between Syntagma and the Acropolis is the Plaka, e cluster of winding, comblestoned streets that comprise the heart of the nid market district. The smaller Monastiraki Square is near the Pleka, which is nestled beneath the Acropalis. Where as Syntagma is modern and emphatically touristy, Omonia Square has more local flevnr and is teemiog with Greeks haggling and debating on the sidewalks. Clearly, they don't pay the first price asked.

A Getting Around

On a first or even second

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visit to Athens, you will do better to take taxis than risk the hazards of overcrowded huses hearing destination boards in the Greek alpha-

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💭 In a Word

Most Athens husinesspeople speak workable English and/or French. Of course, they eppreciate a visitnr's having even a smattering nf Greek and trying tn use it. Compendium Bookshop, 15 Nikis Street, near Consotutinn Square, sells pocketsized dictinuaries and

The Greeks use e lot nf body language. Often, the words nay (yes) and ochi (no) are nnt spoken. "Yes" may take the form of a swift



nudding of the head forwards and slightly sideways; "oo" is a swift jerk of the

chin up and a bit backwards. Do oot signal the oumber five by extending your fingers: That's the sigo for a curse or the evil eye.

Wining & Dining

Atheos being a cosmopolitan city, you find al-most any kiod of cuisine you want, including French and what is described, vaguely, as "international." Not in be missed, though, is authentic Greek food. At its best, it is spicy, delicinus and varied. Fish is also an Athenian specialty - ask any Athenian whn has tasted the fish else-

A service charge is includ-ed in restaurant bills, but it is customary to leave an extra percent nn large hills and 10 percent nn smaller nnes. Round nff the check with small change in cafés.

Well-recommended fnrmai restaurants include: Abreuvnir, 51 Xennkratous. Tel.: 722-9106. In the elegant Kolnnaki district,

not far from Constitution Square and the foot of the Lycabettus hill. French cuisine; top of the chic list.

Antanapaulas, 1 Frederikis, Glyfada. Tel.: 894-5636. In e resnrt area just nutside the city; noted for fish and other seafood.

Bajazzo, 35 Plutarchnu. Tel.: 729-1420. On the same street as the British Embassy in Kolonaki. Wide range of

imaginative fish and meat dishes. Beautiful decor. Gerofinikas, 10 Pindarou. Tel.: 362-2719. Situated in fashionable Kolonaki. Greek cuisine with shrimp specialties and roast veal en papil-

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Ideal, 46 Panepistimiou Avenue. Tel.: 361-4604. Highly recommended, authentic Greek cuisine made with zucchini and eggplant with meat.

Kublai Khan, 89-93 Syngrou Avenue. Tel.: 902-3666. Mnngnlian Grill with barbecue specialties.

Marco Poln, Meridien Hotel, Syntagma. Tel.: 325 5301. Prnbably the best French cusine in the city. Takes the place of the former Brasserie des Arts.

Mnntparnas, 32 Haritns, Knlonaki. Tel.: 729-0746. Chic bar-restaurant, Excellent food. Reservations only. Sympossin, 46 Erechunu Street. Tel.: 922-5321. Famnus for traut with al-mands, various filets and

Twelve Apostles, 17 Ka-nari, Knlonnki. Tel.: 361-9358. Restaurant-bistro that cnuld double as an antique showroom or gallery. Both cnsmnpolitan and Greek in its atmosphere. Superb food, excellent service.

Amnng tnp restaurants specializing in husiness nches:

Athenaeum Bistrot, g R. Amerikis. Tel.: 363-1125. International cuisine.

Da Walter, 7 R. Anapiron Pnlemnu et Evznnon, Knlnnaki. Tel.: 724-8726. Italian, Same owner as the

nearby Al Conventn. Kendrikn, 3 R. Knlnko-troni. Tel.: 323-2482, Greek. Znna's, Panepistiminu Street, just nff Syntagma Square. A large café-brasserie that's easy in find and procounce. Popular with Greeks and foreigners.

Zorba, Mikrolimann, Piraeus yacht harbor. Tel.: 412-5501. Great seafood. Zorba stands out from a host of others lining the shore. For many husiness travel-

ers, sated with dishes that vary little from country to country (that, perhaps, is the true meaning of "international"), simple Greek tavernas make a welcome change. For people oo a per diem meal allowance they diem meal allowance, they make another kind of change money in their pockets.

Tavernas are cheap. The heaviest coocentration of tavernas is between Kolonaki and inc Acropolis. In many of them, you are invited to inspect the food in the kitchen and point to what you want. If you like retsina, the pioe-flavored Greek wine, always order retsina chima - from the barrel. It's usually better and always cheaper than any hottled version. Recnm-

mended tavernas: Kidathineon, 3 Filamoussnu Eterias Square. Tel.:

323-4281. Dinner nnly. O Aothropns, 13 Arhelanu, Pangrati. Tel.: 723-5914. Seafood specialties. Dinner only.

Philippnu, corner of Xenocratou and Plutarchou streets. Typical taverna with excellent food and friendly

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THE MENTION OF ATHENS IMMEdiately brings to mind the Acropolis and the Olympic Games. The

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Nearly 150 years old, this landmark hotel has played a vital part in the history of the city. and it is the only hotel still standing in Athens that existed in 1896, when the Olympic Games were revived for the first time since entiquity. At the time, many of the famous athletes who participated in the games,

including American James Brendan Connolly and French threetime Olympic fencing champion Paul Masson, stayed at the ho-

In addition to Olympic eth-letes, Hotel Grande Bretagne provided e hnme-away-fromhome to many famous travelers, including HRH The Archduke of Austris, Karl Ludwig, and the Baron and Baroness de Cou-

To celebrate its historic role in

the Olympics, the hotel will preeent a special exhibition of Olympic artifacts and will publish e souvenir book on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the As the Hntel Grande Bre-

tagne faces Parliament House across Constitution Square,

guests at the palatial hotel have a privileged viewpoint for watch-ing the changing of the guard. The National Gardens are just a

ew steps away. Luxury and comfort distinguish all of the hotel's 364 rooms and 24 suitee. Crystal chandeliers and period furnishings lend an appropriate Old

World ambience.
The hotel has an excellent inhnuse restaurant and coffee shop serving international end Greek specialties, a Winter Gar-den for snacks and high tea, a cozy American-style bar with live entertainment, and a piano bar. Other services include nonsmoking rooms, limousine service on request, complimentary shoe shine, 24-hour room service, a barber shop, beauty salon, jewelry boutique, bookstore, travel desk, car rental counter and currency exchange.

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Boris Becker saluting after de-feating Cédric Pioline in Munich.

Becker Wins Opener

TENNIS Boris Becker, the No. 2 seed, beat Cédric Pioline of France, 6-1, 6-7 (2-7), 9-7, in the first round of the Grand Slam Cup in Munich on Tuesday. Thomas Muster lost to Byron Black of Zimbabwe, 7-6, 6-2, 6-1, and Jacco Eltingh beat Michael Chang 7-6 (12-10), 6-3. The tournament carries no ranking points but offers \$6 million in prize money. (Reuters)

Draw Will Proceed

SOCCER FIFA, the governing body of world soccer, said Tuesday that the draw for the qualifying compension of the 1998 World Cup would go ahead in Paris next week despite the wave of strikes in France.

FIFA said the draw would take place as scheduled at the Louvre next Tuesday amid fears the strikes could (Reuters) cause a postponement.

Juventus Forced Back

SOCCER Juventus, the Italian champion, returned home on Tuesday after the team's charter aircraft to Bucharest was diverted to Bulgaria because of snow. If Juventus cannot fly on Wednesday morning, its champions' league game against Steaua Bucharest will be rearranged.

The Italian team's plane from Turin could not land at Bucharest's Otopeni Airport because of high winds and snow. It diverted to Solia, 500 kilometers (300 miles) further south. The team contemplated taking the train but the railroads also were disrupted hy

Record Olympic Field

OLYMPICS A record 195 countries will take part in the 1996 Summer Games in Atlanta, making it the largest Olympics ever. The previous record was 169 at the 1992 Barcelona Games when former Soviet republics sent a unified team. (Reuters)

Nebraska Star Sentenced

FOOTBALL Lawrence Phillips, a University of Nebraska running back whose former girlfriend was hospitalized after he broke into her apartment and attacked her, was sentenced to one year of probation, ordered to attend a domestic violence class and to pay just over \$35g in restitution.

Phillips was a Heisman trophy candidate when he was dismissed from the defending national championship team after his arrest. However, he was later allowed to return.

He must pay Kate McEwen \$247.84 and \$110.80 for damage caused to the building where the assault occurred.

Soccer as a Bridge Between Asia Rivals

Japan and Korea Play Costly Game

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island. For

ONDON — Tokyo's National Stadium will be an overflowing bowl of soccer fervor Tuesday night, a reflection of the game's ability to colonize new audiences across any cultural barrier.

For the third time in 10 days, 62,000 biggest are-



time in a week, the Yokohama Marinos will duel Verdy Kawasaki for the honor of the J-League championship. Verdy is seeking its third straight title,

but trails, 1-0, from the first leg last week. To some extent, the whole experience is imported. Verdy supporters, behind one goal, beat out a samba rhythm on their drums, encouraging the three Brazilians — our country, safety is the law, and we have Bismarck, Pereira and Alcinda — who are to huild a stadium that is earthquake at the heart of their team.

Marino fans responded with flutters of ticker tape behind the opposite goal, cre-ating the feel of Buenos Aires in Tokyo for any World Cup hid. The people there wish Gustavo Zapata, David Bisconti and Medino Bello, the Argentinians who play for Yokohama.

The foreign players come, of course, for the yen, just as they migrate to Milan for the lira, to Madrid for the peseta, to London for from 14 nations (more than half of them stain on mankind's conscience. Brazilians) are used here as sensai, or teach-

ers, to increasingly adept Japanese pupils. From amateur sporting backgrounds, from colleges of commerce and industry, come such rapidly rising sons as Verdy's elegant Tetsuji Hashiratani and Marinos'

powerful Masimo Ihara. Such is the commitment to build \$5.3 hillion of new stadia in 15 Japanese cities Stadium in the capital is not even on the a bridge to the future. Its facilities are

agenda for Japan's hid to stage the 2002
World Cup.
That bidding process, now at its height, is between Japan and South Korea. The intensity of the contest -- between neighbors whose rivalry is given an edge hy the former Japanese occupation of Korea brings new dimensions to the whole in-

ternational sport. The factions struggling for control of FIFA, soccer's world governing body, are each allied to one of the Asian rivals.

João Havelange, the president of FIFA, exceeded his office by promising Japan the 2002 tournament three years ago; Lennart Johansson, the European soccer president who now opposes Havelange, puts his

weight behind South Korea. The Koreans have the dynamic charm of one man, Chung Mong Joon, who has belped dismantle FIFA's old, inadequate autocracy. On Monday, Chung addressed Asian soccer leaders on the progress and the pledges that are coming their way.

On Sunday, I concluded an eye-opening tour of Japan. It stripped away some of the preconceptions; it revealed Japan as a nation looking for new experiences, and it left a curious impression of an awesome eco-

nomic and impressively organized power in search of something to offer its young.
"We are, perhaps, like other advanced countries in that somehow we are without national purpose," said Kiichi Miyazawa, a former prime minister who heads the parliamentary committee for the 2002 bid.

"We really are sort of aimless," be said. We have a duty to try to give something as a catalyst to our young, and I can think of nothing more than football, the game they already are looking to, for them to rally around." As a politician, Miyazawa is

aware of the price of failure against South Korea. Nagoya lost the 1988 Olympic Games to Seoul, and Miyazawa, in his impeccable English, said: "Yes, I remember. And after that, the governing party (in Japan) lost the election.

Yet on the road, in the company of genuine soccer men such as Ken Naganu-Japanese will ignore the live TV alternative ma and Shunichiro Okana, one sees, hears, to pay between \$30 and \$90 for a soccer feels the way in which Japan's youth are match in the separating from the veneration that characterized their fathers and great-grandfathers' society.

Soccer is a focus of that. The need to build stadiums, for all sports, is being spurred hy the 2002 bid, but the foundations to those stadiums are being sunk irretrievably without waiting for the vote

In Yokohama, a \$600 million stadium is half-huilt. As the cranes swing overhead, a construction chief admits: "Yes, it is expensive, the way we are doing this. But in

It is a priority to offer Kobe, where 5,000 died in an earthquake in January, a part of for a symbol for the future and that of life, for a future, for a faith that would mean sharing 2002, if that is Japan's destiny. Further south there is, to my eye and

heart, a greater living symbol of sport and the community, Hiroshima is rebuilt now sterling. But the 61 overseas mercenaries but its residents never let you forget the There they walk you through Peace Park, through the museum dedicated to

trying to prevent the atomic horror ever And then they drive you g kilometers west, to the Big Arch Stadium and the

sporting complex already complete, all ready for 2002. Big Arch Stadium has a single, flowing by the turn of the century that the National roof said to represent a prayer for peace and

> tween Japan and Korea is that the stakes have been piled so high. Japan is pledging more than \$5 billion for building. Korea is budgeting around \$1.3 bil-

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abe, president of the corporation that owns thwart Werder in the second pethe Yomiuri Giants baseball team and the riod. Verdy Kawasaki soccer club, come back to

Some months ago he questioned the sanity of the massive spending on rivalry. Would it not, he asked, be better to promote international peace and friendship rather than inevitable confrontation? Would it not be wise for South Korea and Japan, competitors in commercial fields, to share the 64-game soccer tournament and pool the financial outlay?

He was shrugged aside, his idea denounced as impracticable by no less a visionary than João Havelange. Yet soon, Havelange will be yesterday's man and soccer, trapped in politics and chauvinism, might regain a unifying rather than a di-

visive purpose.

It would be a pity if the outcome in Asia makes sports undermine harmony between two peoples who crave the same thing. Sharing is not in FIFA's rule book, not on Japan's or Korea's agenda. But it need not

be dismissed as an naive option. Rob Hughes is on the staff of The Times.



Marco Bode, of Werder Bremen and Chris van der Weerden (center) and Marciano Vink of PSV Eindhoven competing for the ball in their UEFA Cup third-round, second-leg meeting. The game ended 0-0. PSV wins, 2-L

Eindhoven Advances in UEFA Cup Match

Nottingham Forest Ties Lyon to Reach Quarterfinals

BREMEN, Germany -- PSV Eindhoven survived a succession of goal-mouth scares and the loss of their goalkeeper Tuesday to reach the UEFA Cup quarterfinals at the expense f struggling Werder Bremen.

Trailing 1-2 from the first leg, the Germans needed at least two goals to advance and they had their chances. But a comhination of poor finishing and fine goalkeeping kept the score-

PSV Eindhoven, which is second to Ajax in the Dutch first ideologically divided neighbors?

They are both capable of mounting a World Cup. But the words of Sneo Watan
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settled back into defense to

> The Belgian international chance of the game when his shot flew just over the bar at 27 minutes after he had outspeeded the veteran Egyptian defender Hany Ramzy. But the Germans, having a

poor season in the Bundesliga where they are a lowly 12th, came back strongly toward the end of the half. They were unfortunate to see

Marciano Vink in the right place on the goal line to knock away a glancing header from Rodolfo Cardoso after 32 minutes.

Five minutes later, Cardoso sent Marco Bode racing clear around the Eindhoven goalkeeper, Ronald Waterreus, but his shot at an open net was only half hit, and the Dutch team's

defense got back in time. The Germans took command in the second half and they looked set to open the scoring after 57 minutes, but Frank Neubarth could only hlast the ball into Waterreus's midriff

from point-hlank range. That sent the Eindhoven goalkeeper to the sidelines, head in hands, and it was his replacement, Stanley Menzo, who provided a spectacular back-pedaling, diving save to brush away a Cardoso header nine minutes later.

The Bremen players felt that effort had gone over the line,

and they were further incensed the pressure, biding its time for a Giuly, but his close-range shot hy a succession of penalty ap-peals that were turned down by the referee.

In the closing minutes, the veteran Dutch defender Jan Wouters blasted past from eight meters out when it looked easier to score, and the Werder defender Dietmar Beiersdorfer hooked a volley straight at Menzo.

Waterreus had made key saves as both teams produced some entertaining football despite the hard field. Bremen, which has been struggling in the Bundesliga this season, gave one of their best performances despite the aggregate defeat.

saw six yellow cards.

"It was a tough defeat for us," a disappointed Bremen de-fender, Uli Borowka, said. "We should have won 1-0. But the ball just didn't seem to want to go in.'

Nottingham Forest 0, Lyon 0 Nottingham Forest booked its place in the UEFA Cup quarterfinals, holding Lyon to a hard-fought 0-0 tie after having won the home leg, 1-0.
Forest, the only British club

left in Europe's knockout tournaments, went in as underdogs but came out as winners thanks to stout defending against more talented opponents. Technically superior, the

French spent the first half flowing into Forest territory with ease, only to come up against a dogged English defense organized by England's former skipper, Stuart Pearce.

After more than 40 minutes of pressure, Lyon's best two chances came within 30 seconds of each other.

Florian Maurice's superbly struck free-kick from 25 yards was only just turned round the post by Forest's goalkeeper, Mark Crossley, for a corner, from which Lyon again nearly broke the deadlock — Cédric Bardon being denied from point-hlank range.

Forest was content to soak up

series of counterattacks led by Jason Lee later in the half, which posed little real threat. The team's best scoring chance had already come and gone in the fifth minute, when Stephen Howe was given a free shot in the area but skewed it inches

The second half was a more frantic version of the first, with Lyon pressing forward and creating shooting chances which were either off-target or

blocked by a defender. Bardon, Maurice and Ludovic Giuly were all frustrated in turn, while it took a timely interception from Lyon's leg games Tuesday: Barcelona Brazilian defender Marcelo to defeated Sevilla, 3-1, and adinterception from Lyon's It was a typically hard-fought keep Jason Lee from a one-on-vances to the quarterfinals on Dutch-German encounter that one with goalkeeper Pascal Ol- an aggregate of 4-2. Roma beat

was parried by Crossley and the ball ran inches wide of the waiting Bardon with an open goal. The French were down to 10

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men for the last five minutes after Maurice was red-carded for elbowing the defender Colin Cooper in the face in an off-theball incident. Olmeta came up for two injury-time corners, as the French

threw everything into a last-ditch search for an equalizer which, as their compatriots Auxente found in the previous round, was never to material-In other third-round, second-

Brondby, 3-1, to go ahead on a Lyon's best chance fell to 4-3 aggregate. (AFP, Reuters)



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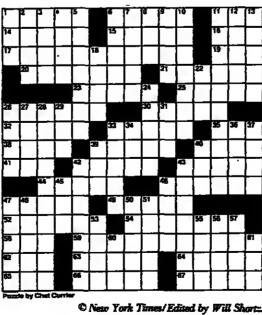
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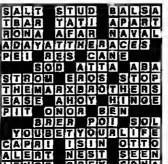
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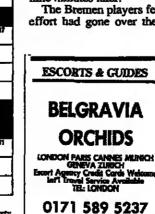
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Lions Bury the Bears In Win-or-Else Game

Offense Shines; Defense Holds

the Chicago secondary, and the Lions' defense - struggling all season to adjust to a 4-3 scheme — finally came together.

The combination, highlighted by Scott Mitchell and Herman Moore tearning for four club records, gave Detroit a 27-7 victheir playoff hopes alive.

"There's no talk about playoffs bere," said coach Wayne Fontes, given a playoffsor-else ultimatum by team owner William Clay Ford four games ago. "There's no goal here other than to win the eighth

The victory left Detroit, Chicago and ing pass and Barry Sanders had a nine-yard Minnesota tied for second in the NPC TD catch.

Central at 7-6. The Bears, swept by the Lions for the first time since 1983 have left. four of their past five. Detroit has the best divisional record of the three at 5-2.

'The new defense cansed us some problems. It wasn't confusion or disarray, it's just not everyone always knew what their responsibilities were," linebacker Tracy Hayworth said. "The switch to a 4-3 (from a 3-4) caused a lot of us to move and have different responsibilities. Now every-

body's beginning to understand."

The Lions, who had 419 yards total offense, beld Chicago to 185 yards and made believers of the Bears. Chicago was

"That's the first time all year that we haven't been able to score when we needed "to," Wannstedt said. "We got our best punt return of the year and our best kick jetum of the year and got no points out of

Detroit, meanwhile, wasted few oppor- boys.

tunities. From Moore's 46-yard touch-PONTIAC, Michigan — Detroit's of- down catch on the Lions' second posfense assaulted the team record book and session to Jason Hanson's 36-yard field goal in the fourth quarter, just about everything worked.
Mitchell was 26 of 38 passing for 320

yards and three touchdowns and no interceptions to set a single-season team record with 3,470 yards - breaking the tory Monday night. It was the fourth mark of 3,223 yards set by Gary Danielson straight victory for the Lions, who kept in 1980 — and tie Bobby Layne's 1951 record of 26 touchdown passes in a sea-

> Moore broke the franchise single-season record of 1,417 yards receiving and had a team-record 14 catches, and finished with a career-high 183 yards receiving.

About the only thing the Lions were unable to do was get Sanders the 96 yards he needed to become the 10th NFL player to rash for 10,000 career yards. Sanders fell six yards short on 23 carries.

Mitchell said be didn't attribute the Lions' late-season surge to players trying to save Fontes' job.

"I think we're trying to save all of our jobs," he said. "This is a league where they forget you in a burry."

Cowboys' Haley May Retire

Charles Haley, the Dallas Cowboys' star defensive end, says his career is over be-

"It's been a long time since I've played a game where we got physically whipped at every turn, "he said. "They just whipped us, plain and simple," he said.

Chicago coach Dave Wannstedt said the Bears' inability to score despite gening inside the 40-yard line three times in the first half was costly. back and play. But it's over for him this

Haley has 10½ of the team's 28 sacks this season.

He has won two Super Bowl rings each with the San Francisco 49ers and Cow-



Rough and tumble: Dee Brown of the Boston Celtics, flying over Alonzo Mourning of Miami Heat. Boston won 121-120.

Celtics Stop Heat, 121-120, in 2d Overtime

Dee Brown's layup with 2:32 to play in the second overtime gave Boston the lead for good in its 121-120 victory that ended Mi-

ami's five-game winning streak.

Alonzo Mourning had 36 points and 14 rebounds for the Heat in the game Monday

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that was marred by a second-quarter fight between Boston's Pervis Ellison and Miami's Kurt Thomas that had police and security personnel separating players and keeping fans off the court. Dino Radja scored 27 points for Boston, which snapped a two-game losing streak, while Brown

Billy Owens of the Heat was forced to

quarter after a collision with Boston's Todd Stith scored 22 points and hit four decisive Day. Team officials said Owens, the Heat's free throws down the stretch for Denver, second-leading scorer at 17.1 per game, while Dikembe Mutombo followed up his appeared to have a separated right shoulder and would be examined Tuesday. Bimbo Coles's three-pointer with 2:58 left in the second overtime brought Miami into a 117-117 tie. Brown's layup 26 seconds later gave the Celtics a lead they never relinquished.

Nuggets 85, Pistone 82 Terry Mills's shot from beyond half court just after the buzzer was ruled no basket, and Detroit remained winless on the road.

The Pistons, who fell to 0-6 on the road, had two chances to fie the game in the closing seconds but fell short both times. Joe Dumars missed a leaning jumper with 2.2 seconds left, and Mills banked in a 50-footer leave the game with 2:02 left in the first release the ball before the buzzer. Bryant return to the court as early as next week.

triple-double Saturday with 15 points, nine rebounds and nine blocked shots.

Grant Hill had 23 points and Allan Houston added 21 to lead the Pistons, who hit 30 of 33 free throws.

Referees Settle With League National Basketball Association refer-

ees, locked out since the season began a down a goal to start the third." month ago, voted Monday to accept the league's contract offer by a 27-26 margin during ameeting in Chicago, The New York Times reported. The major issue left to resolve the dispute concerned retroactive pay for salaries lost during the lockout. after a missed free throw, but he did not Once that is cleared up, referees could

Rangers Snap Old Hoodoo, **Beating Ducks**

The Associated Press

In the last three years, the New York Rangers have won a Stanley Cup, the Presidents' Trophy for the league's best record and a division title. What they hadn't been able to do was beat the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim.

The Ducks played the Rangers tough again Monday night, trailing just 2-1 with

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eight minutes left. Then the current form of the teams became evident as New York scored three times, twice in 55 seconds, to extend its home unbeaten streak to 10 games with a 5-1 victory. It was the first against Anaheim, which the Rangers have played four times.

The Ducks are in the midst of a fivegame, seven-day road trip and are missing six of their best players because of in-

Power-play goals 55 seconds apart by Mark Messier and Luc Robitaille helped wear down Anaheim in the National Hockey League's only game.

'We knew they were hurting, so we had to be patient," said the Rangers' goalie, Mike Richter, who stopped 25 shots. "It took awhile, but when we have everyone playing this way, we can be tough to

The Rangers lost three times and tied the Ducks once in their four previous meetings. The two losses came during New York's Stanley Cup-winning season in 1993-94. On Nov. 3 of this season, the Rangers' 7-4 loss in Anaheim included a shouting match between the goalie, Glenn Healy, and Coach Colin Campbell.

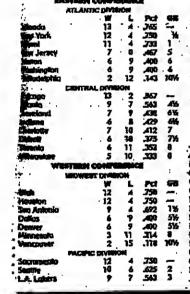
"You know that game was on their minds," Garry Valk of Anaheim said. But they were smart and didn't get too excited. Those power-play goals at the end were the turning point in the game. We were actually excited that we were only

Robitaille and Adam Graves each had a goal and assist for the Rangers, who play four games in six days. Darren Langdon scored for New York, but took a stick to the face midway through the second period and did not return. Sergei Nemchinov scored into an empty net with 19 seconds left. Mike Sillinger scored for Anaheim.

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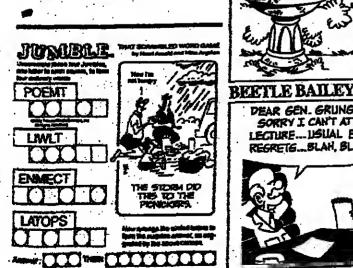
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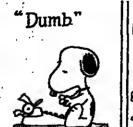




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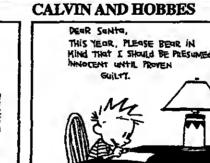


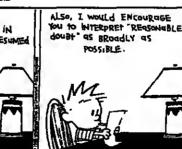
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South African Sitcom

By Suzanne Daley New York Times Service

TOHANNESBURG — Billy and Kohie Dwyer, an Afrikaner couple, are in a panic. Ike Maloi, their most valued black strains of the new South Africa employee, has just demanded a are there in every twist and turn. 20 percent stake in their furniture business. No one in the ever competing, decide they must have maids. Dwyer family has the nerve to tell Grandpa, an uninhibited racist. (Even when Grandpa thinks all Maloi wants is a raise, his response is "Shoot him.")

This is the setting of South Africa's newest sitcom, "Suburban Bliss." By Episode Two, Maloi is a partner and he and the Dwyers both buy new houses. each family lying about the fan-cy neighborhood it has moved to. To their horror, they turn out to be next-door neighbors. The plots, naturally, thicken.

There are signs of change — big and small — all over South Africa, and "Suburban Bliss" is certainly one of them. After race divide them, record numbers of South Africans have been tuning in to have their Malois have at each other.

The show would have been unthinkable only a few years ago. But during its first week on the air, in October, it won the top slot in South Africa's equivalent of the Nielsen ratings. Since an American, Craig Gardner, then it has hovered at No.2. who has lived in South Africa for

Whether it is truly furmy or simply vulgar has been the subject of talk shows and the mainstay of cocktail parties as South Africans debate whether they are

ready to laugh at themselves.
"The show is extremely valuable, extremely necessary for us and a definite groundbreaker," said Barry Ronge, that is what Archie Bunker did. I culture editor of The Star, the would he delighted if we aclargest newspaper in Johannes- complish anything like that."

burg. "Finally we have a show that looks at race relations in a South African context — a reflection of our own reality, not

an American one. Indeed, the dreams and In one episode, the two wives,

Maloi's wife, Thando, the epitome of South Africa's new upwardly mobile blacks, revels in the sound of being called 'Madam.'' Next door, Kobie, busy trying to prove she is not a racist, finds herself cooking breakfast of bacon and eggs for the maid and giving her a shorter and shorter workday.

But the most vicious exchanges are hetween the older generation. In one scene, the grandfather of the Dwyer family introduces himself over the garden fence, assuming the elderly black woman he sees is the maid in the household next door. He demands that she address him as 'baas," the Afrikaans equivmore than 40 years of having alent of "master." The woman, Maloi's mother, actually doesn't bother to correct him. Instead, she starts bragging racism pilloried - no barb about her huge salary, leaving withheld, no stereotype unex-plored—as the Dwyers and the about his ability to keep up in the new neighborhood.

The creators of the show say they hope it will be as provoca-tive and influential as "All in the Family" was for Americans in the 1970s. The principal writer is 16 years and is married to an Afrikaner, Gardner, a former actor, has never written a sitcom before. "My aim is to make South Africa stand back and laugh at how ludicrous they have been, and hopefully by doing this help dilute some of the racism," Gardner said. "I think

Yet even now, Lissner remains

A Success Story, From the Other Paris Opera House

By Alan Riding

PARIS — Given the strikes, power struggles and bad press tearing at the new Bastille Opera in the early 1990s, the smaller Théâtre du Châtelet beside the Seine would have looked regularly, without fuss or disruptions.

But if it had done no more, it would always have remained Paris'a second opera house. Instead, the theater's young director, Stéphane Lissner, decided to aim higher, programming rarely heard operas and neglected composers, recruiting impovative said, 'I am the director of the Châtelet,' stage directors and inviting top orchestras to perform here. Today, with ask, 'Where's that?' But I had an ada new management team bringing or-der to the Bastille, the Châtelet need not fear being overshadowed. It has secured its own niche of excellence.

Now, in clear recognition of his been named director of the Aix-enwhat was once one of Europe's fore-most music events. He is to leave the Théâtre du Châtelet in 1998 to take up his joh in Aix, where he will succeed lion annual budget, it was because the festival's longtime director, Louis Erlo. His successor at the Châtelet has not yet been named.

As a measure of its confidence in Lissner, the French government has announced that it will triple its annual subsidy for the Aix festival to \$3 mil-posers or themes. They have since lion as of 1998. More crucially, Aix included Mabler's symphonies, Euroshould harvest the fruits of the pean music between 1650 and 1750, Châtelet's new prestige. Since becoming the Châtelet's director in 1988, Lissner has played host to dozens of top conductors, directors and singers. many of whom presumably will be willing to work with him at Aix.

For a man who is only 42 and who just seven years ago was largely unknown even in French artistic circles, Lissner has clearly traveled far. Last year, he was also named director general of the Orchestre de Paris, a position he will retain when he leaves the Châtelet and a connection that may well give the orchestra a privileged

ground was in theater, and more as a nanager than director. Although be had been assistant director of the Châtelet since 1983, his appointment as director was not widely applauded because, he recalled in an interview last week: "I didn't come from mugood if it had simply put on operas sical circles; I hadn't directed a musical theater; I hadn't worked in an orchestra; I wasn't a professional musician or even a music critic."

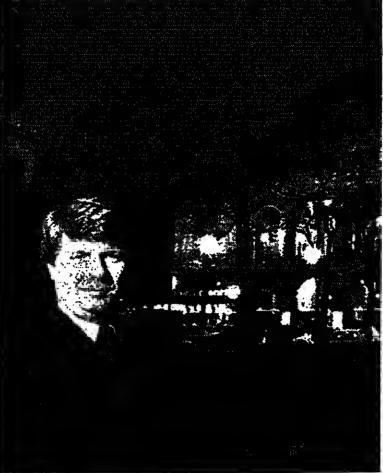
something of an outsider. His back-

His early hiring efforts frequently drew puzzled looks from foreign performers. "I could tell you about all the meetings I had with conductors when I vantage. I was free to do as I wished. And when I offered interesting possibilities here, people began to say

It also helped that Lissner enjoyed success at the Châtelet, Lissner has the strong backing of Jacques Chirac, who is now France's president but Provence summer music festival with who from 1980 to May 1995 was the mandate of breathing new life into mayor of Paris. The Châtelet is owned lion annual budget, it was because Chirac saw the Châtelet as a cultural feather in his cap.

But Lissner also delivered. When he took over, he had already decided to organize annual "cycles" of concerts and operas built around single com-French music from Berlioz to Debussy, 20th-century symphonic music Schumann and Bartok cycles, Beethoven and Richard Strauss cycles, a new production of Wagner's "Ring and, this season, a Schoenberg cycle.

He was not interested in wooing traditional opera audiences, who, he helieved, could get their fill of 19thcentury classics at the Bastille. Instead, favored 20th-century operaconstrating that he could sell out the house with "more difficult" works by, say, Berg, Britten and Schoenberg. "Our audience is more intellectual, more ambitious, more demanding, more knowledgeable."



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Stéphane Lissuer at the Théâtre du Châtelet in Paris.

But the Châtelet is not merely an opera house and concert hall. In 1988, he said. "It's not enough just to give audiences what they want. Which is Forsythe in Frankfurt and has since brought Forsythe's Frankfurt Ballet to the Châtelet for two months in residence every spring. "I told him that since his work was difficult, he should perhaps start with an easy ballet," Lissner recalled. "But Forsythe told me: 'Lissner, you've got it all wrong. If you want to impose my work in Paris, we must start with a difficult

program.' And he was right."

THE French mime Marcel Marceau outtalked Michael Jackson when the two appeared before photographers

to promote Jackson's television

special. The singer only said "Thank You," and that was in

a whisper, when he appeared with Marceau, who will be on

"Michael Jackson: One Night

Only" on Sunday. Jackson re-

tired backstage after mugging

for the camera for 90 seconds,

imitating some of Marceau's

raine spotons. That left

Marceau free to talk and talk he

did, calling Jackson an artist, a

poet and a man with "the strong

density like a mime." Jackson

has said that his famous

Diamond jewelry given to the Duchess of York by her

aide and the duchess were un-

packing the suitcases. A pair of

earrings and a diamond ring

were not stolen. The jewelry

was a gift from the queen when

her son Prince Andrew mar-

ried the duchess, then Sarah

Georgi Vladimov's novel

'A General and His Army,

has been awarded the 1995

Russian Bonker Prize. The

prize, which carries a cash

award of \$12,500, was founded

in 1992 to encourage authors who write in Russian and to

stimulate interest in contempo-

rary Russian literature in the

West. Vladimov, 64, was one of

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Since the Châtelet has no permanent company or orchestra (although the Philharmonia of London has a residence here), Lissner takes pride in ogram.' And he was right.''

developing his own operatic productions, personally selecting the conduc-

tor, director, and lead singers. To cut costs and improve quality, he often seeks co-production agreements with other leading opera houses. But the opening nights of such production always take place at the Châtelet.

Perhaps the most exciting event of Perhaps the most exciting event of the tercentenary of Purcell's death this year was the Châtelet's full-length production of the composer's "King Arthur." In late February, the Châtelet will present Verdi's monumental "Don Carlos" in French, in a co-production with Covent Garden. the Lyons Opera, and the Theatre Royal de la Monnaie, in Brussels. When he moves to Aix in 1998,

though, Lissner plans to start afresh. "It's not a question of transferring the Châtelet to Aix," he said, "because it's totally different: an open-air theater, room for only 70 musicians, a different tradition." But Lissner will at least start with the knowledge that both the Culture Ministry in Paris and the municipal government in Aix seem

ready to pay to have a good festival.
He said his aim was to present four operas at each festival: one by Mozart (maintaining an Aix tradition), one comic opera, one opera from the classical repertory, and one by a 20thcentury composer. Once construction of a new theater is completed in 1999. he hopes to extend the festival from three to four weeks and expand the program of concerts and recitals.

Most ambitiously, he wants to form a so-called European Academy of Music, which would organize master classes by leading musicians, com-position classes, small concerts by young musicians, and debates about music and opera, all with the aim of recapturing the pioneering free spirit that inspired the Aix festival in the early years after its creation in 1947.

"Everything was natural, unso-phisticated, simple," Lissner said "People just gathered to make music," Friends would come, sleep in private homes, work, reflect. Money wasn't the engine of the festival. It was before money polluted all of opera.

I'm not interested in competing with Salzburg or Edinburgh. I want to do something that is right for a small

POSTCARD

Best-Seller in Italy Goes to the Heart of the Matter

By Daniel Williams

R OME—The stereotype of Italy viewed from afar is of a place where everyone leads with his heart. So it might come as a surprise that the country's best-selling book for the past two years tells readers to, as its title in English says, "Follow Your Heart"
— "Va' Dove Ti Porta il Cuore." It is a thing late 20th-century Italy has come to another. stand for. In a country of massive corruption, it preaches the value of honesty. In disguise for lost feeling, that Italians have but in fact the book is nasty," Tamaro forgotten what the hear, is really about.

We Italians have confused sentimenthing," the author, Susanna Tamaro, said

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thing and requires introspection.'

Harsh words from a 38-year-old who until now has been writing children's books as well as novels. And harsh ideas from a book that in some ways tries only to remind Italians of lessons learned in school and church, "Know thyself," it says on one page. "Fighting for an idea without having an idea of yourself is one of the most book that seems to run nounter to every-dangerous things you can do," it says on

Beyond homilies - and there are plenty of them - "Va' Dove Ti Porta il Cuore"

The story is in the form of a letter from a tality with feeling. They are not the same dying grandmother who confesses a life of millennium approaches, they are looking failure and falsehoods to her granddaughter. for a new way of thinking.

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Forecast for Thursday through Saturday, as provided by Accu-Weather.

in an interview, "True feeling is a heavier The grandmother kept hidden the facts of her daughter's birth by a man who was not her husband. The daughter dabbled in radical politics and false psychiatry, and her life ended in disaster. The granddaughter has run off to the United States to escape the "suf-

focating atmosphere" of her upbringing. The slim work has sold more than 800,000 copies in Italy alone, a figure no other Italian novel in the '90s has come close to matching. It has been trustated into several languages, including English, French, Spanish, Japanese and Chinese.

Tamaro attributes the success in part to a place come to be known for trickery, it presents a stark picture of three generations the quest of Italians to find an explanation pleads for truthfulness. And it is a book that of Italian life, "The title was meant to be and solution to what she, at least, regards as

"There is disillusion aplenty," she said. "The people who like this book seem to be looking to change their interior life. As the

PEOPLE



Marcel Marceau and Michael Jackson: And who do you think did all the talking?

mother-in-law, Queen Élizabeth II, was stolen during a flight from the United States. Buckingham Palace said Tuesday that a diamond necklace and bracelet, unofficially valued at £250,000 (\$382,000). were missing from a suitcase brought back from New York in Germany. hy an aide to the duchess, who had returned to London on an earlier flight. The palace said the theft was discovered as the

fell out of favor with the Soviet authorities over foreign publications of his works and settled

the new James Bond movie, perform in mude scenes. The 'Goldeneve." has been canceled because its star. Pierce Brosnan, is an outspoken opponent of French nuclear testing, a Greenpeace official said Tuesday. The film was to have been shown at the end of November in the presence of Millon and members of the military, who lent the filmmakers state-of-the-art hardware for the movie. But Millon pulled out after Brosnan made it known that he would make a statement attacking France's nuclear testing in the South Pacific.

backing out of "Boxing He-lena," which ended up being a box-office flop. Basinger said she decided not to do the film because she did not feel the character was sympathetic and The gala premiere in Paris of because she would have had to

role went to Sherilyn Fenn. Arlo Guthrie and Alice Brock, the woman he immortalized in his song "Alice's Restaurant," were deluged by admirers at a book signing in Defense Minister Charles Lenox, Massachusens. Guthrie is the author of 'Mooses Come Walking," a children'a book published by Chronicle Books, and Brock did the illustrations... Norah Kielior, 75, became

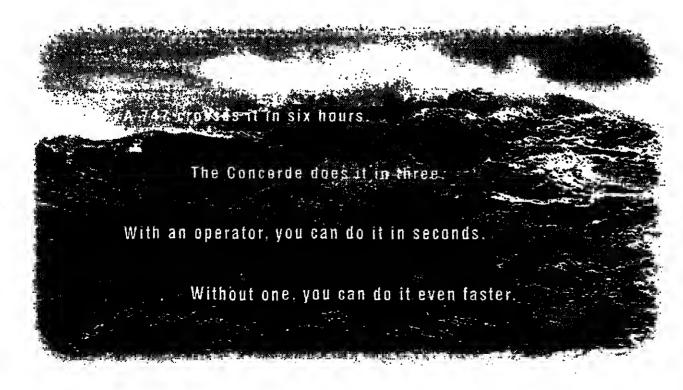
the leading writers of the 1960s Pictures. The production compost-Stalinist "thaw." He later pany had sued the actress for self and her three children. "I want a little bungaiow on a hill," she said. "I don't know which hill yet."

Iodie Foster has been receiving death threats and sexually explicit messages on the Internet, according to Daily Variety, and the FBI is trying to track down the offender. The actress-director was named as: the motive hebind John Hinck ley'a shooting of Ronald Reagan in 1981. Hinckley said he shot the president to attract Fos-

ter's attention.

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Sharon Stone, who will head a three-year fund-raising campaign to raise \$76 million for the American Foundation the oldest winner of Britain'a for Aids Research, expects to national lottery on Tuesday travel widely in the United when she picked up a check for States and abroad. The group, Kim Basinger has settled £10.6 million (\$16.5 million). headed by Dr. Mathilde Krim out of court with Main Line She said she wanted to go on a and Elizabeth Taylor.



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